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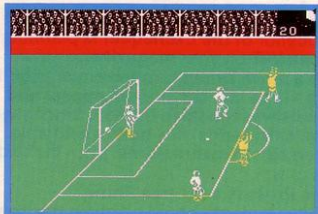
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For a chance at the prize, let us know before the end of February where you stuck your stickers. The best ideas will be published on our letters page and, if you enclose a clear black and white photograph, we may be able to publish that as well.

At the same time, why not enter our Chartline competition? Remember, the more votes we have, the more accurate the chart is, and every entrant is eligible to win the prize. Let us know your favourite game, and the game you hate the most. Do you agree with this month's chart? Does it represent your views?

Let us know, we are waiting to hear from you.



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Instructions for graphics characters are printed in lower-case letters in our listings. They are enclosed by brackets and separated by colons to distinguish them and the brackets and colons should not be entered.

Inverse characters are represented by the letter "i" and graphics characters by "g". Thus an inverse W would be represented by "iw", a graphics W by "gw", and an inverse graphics W by "igw".

Spaces are represented by "sp" and inverse spaces by "isp". Whenever any character is to be used more than once, the number of times it is to be used is shown before it, together with a multiplication sign. Thus "6\*isp" means six inverse spaces and "g4:4\*4:g3" would be entered as a graphic four, followed by an inverse four repeated four times, followed by a graphics three.

Where whole words are to be written in inverse letters they appear in the listings as lower-case letters. Letters to be entered in graphics mode on the Spectrum are underlined.

Inverse characters may be entered on the ZX-81 by changing to graphics mode and then typing the appropriate characters and on the Spectrum by changing to inverse video and typing the appropriate letters. Graphics characters may be entered on the ZX-81 by changing to graphics mode and then pressing symbol shift while the appropriate characters are entered. On the Spectrum graphics characters may be obtained by changing to graphics mode and then pressing the appropriate character. User-defined graphics will appear as normal letters until the program has been RUN.

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I HAVE scored 232,399 on day one of **Daley Thompson's Decathlon**. I jumped the long jump five times. I managed to score 8.52 seconds on the 100m, 9.01m on the long jump, 26.51m on the shot putt, 4.04m on the high jump, and 30.6 seconds on the 400m.

On day two I have scored 397,300. I ran the 110m hurdles in 9.89 seconds, jumped 5.04m in the pole vault, threw the discus 76m, and ran the 1500m in 272.98 seconds.

Although my scores are not brilliant, during a different game I managed to throw the javelin 117 metres, but in the process broke my Quickshot II joystick.

I thought this was excellent, because nobody I know can throw more than 99m. If anybody can better my achievement, please write to *Sinclair Programs*.

Hurry, though, my fingers are getting faster all the time.

S Jay,  
Fildon, Bristol.

## First is second

AS SOON as I saw the advert for **Rocket Man** I rushed to the shops and bought it. After the shock of the astounding graphics, I gradually got the hang of it. After many weeks of desperation due to that cursed bub-

loid I managed to score a personal best of 919,859. I would like to know whether anyone has beaten my score.

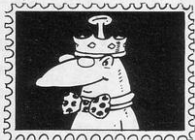
Nick Morgan,  
Edinburgh.

● No sooner said than done ...

## Second is first

WE ARE writing to tell you that we have been playing **Rocket Man** since it was released, and we have beaten Simon Kelly's score of 48,398. We scored 1,642,200. We could have scored a lot more but the program crashed. When we reached that score we have 17 men left. We take it in turns to play, playing alternate levels. We would like to know anyone who has beaten this score, as it is measly.

Frank & Tom,  
Levn, Fife.



IN reference to the letter published in the November issue of *Sinclair Programs* about the highest score on the program **Cash Accumulator**.

James Williamson claimed to have beaten the score of sixteen million. On my first go I scored 36,279,714.

I should like to hear from anyone who has beaten my score.

Gil Ben-Horing,  
Golders Green,  
London.

## Pen-pal required

I AM writing to say that your magazine is great, but it would be better if more ZX-81 games were published.

The main reason for this letter is that I would like a pen friend in the Stoke-on-Trent or Staffordshire area to exchange listings, information and ideas. If you are interested, you must own a ZX-81, and have a great interest in computers.

Write to:

Darren Lovatt,  
33 Neath Close,  
Weston Park,  
Longton,  
Staffordshire.

## Learnt from a book

I SHOULD like to find some pen-pals who own Spectrums. I own a Spectrum 48K. As I have never been taught to use a computer I have had to teach myself programming from a book. I should like to communicate with anyone of any

age to swap listings and hints. Very often what one person finds a problem can be quite simple to anyone else.

I enjoy playing commercial games, as well as writing my own programs, although I have so far had little success in this field.

If you are interested, please write to me.

David Duffill,  
30 Heston Avenue,  
Great Barr,  
Birmingham.



## Bugged invaders

I AM writing to tell you about a bug in a game called **Invasion Force**, produced by Artic Computing.

The game is good, with excellent graphics on a 16K ZX-81. The bug takes effect when you have scored more the 874,000. The game then ends straight away, even if you have several lives remaining. Your score decreases rapidly, the screen shows that you have been destroyed, and your name will no longer be accepted by the program.

Has any other player found this problem?

Garry Heather,  
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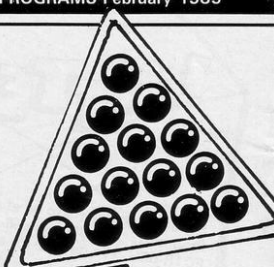
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**F**ANCY a game of Snooker on your 16K ZX-81? Then try Potaball, written by Dennis Wood of Kimmel Bay, Rhyl.

Once the table has been displayed, you will be asked to choose your cue stroke and the obj ball angle. The cue stroke is based on the x co-ordinate of the object, and the y co-ordinate of the object, and should be between 3 and 23, while

the obj ball angle is based on the x co-ordinate and should be between 3 and 11.

Pot a red and then a colour, repeating the process until only colours remain, when they can be potted in any order. Play your best, because the computer plays extremely well.



# POTABALL

```

1015 FOR F=3 TO 11
1020 PRINT AT F,2;" "
NEXT F
1025 NEXT F
1030 PRINT AT 0,10;"POTABALL"
1035 PRINT AT 2,2;"AT 2,12;"
"AT 2,24;"AT 12,2;"AT 13,"
13;"AT 12,24;"AT 1,2;"AT 1,13;"
1036 PRINT AT 1,2;"AT 13,2;"AT 13,"
"AT 1,24;"AT 13,24;"AT 7,5;"
1037 PRINT AT 5,5;"AT 7,13;"AT 7,16;"
"AT 9,5;"AT 7,13;"
1040 PRINT AT 15,3;"YOUR SCORE";
RED;
1041 FOR F=1 TO 5
RED;AT 17,3;"
1042 NEXT F
1043 PRINT AT D(17),A(17);"
1044 PRINT AT D(18),A(18);"
1045 PRINT AT D(19),A(19);"
1046 PRINT AT D(20),A(20);"
1047 PRINT AT D(21),A(21);"
1048 PRINT AT D(22),A(22);"
1049 PRINT AT WBD,WBA;"
1050 PRINT AT 1,27;"I"
1051 FOR F=3 TO 5
1052 PRINT AT F,27;"I"
1053 NEXT F
1054 RETURN
1055 IF WBD=D(F) AND WBA=A(F) TH
2081 IF WBD=D(F) AND WBA=A(F) TH
2082 IF WBD=D(F) AND WBA=A(F) TH
EN GOTO 3004
2084 NEXT F
2085 IF WBD=D(F) AND WBA=A(F) TH
2086 IF WBD=D(F) AND WBA=A(F) TH
EN GOTO 2085
2087 NEXT F
3003 RETURN AT 21,0;"
3004 PRINT AT 21,0;"
3005 GOSUB 6050
3006 IF J=6020 THEN LET REDS=RED
3007 IF J=6020 THEN LET RED=RED+1
3008 IF J=73 THEN LET Z=1
3009 IF J=6020 THEN LET Z=1
3010 LET S=S-1
3011 LET A(F)=D(P)
3012 LET D(F)=P(P)
3013 LET M=1
3014 GOSUB 5000
3015 GOTO 90
3016 PRINT AT 21,0;"
3017 IF MOVE=6020 THEN LET J=602
3018 IF MOVE=73 THEN LET J=73
3019 IF MOVE=73 THEN LET J=73
4007 IF MOVE=73 THEN LET J=73
4015 GOSUB 5000
4050 GOTO 90
5000 PRINT AT D,A;"AT WBD,WBA
;"
5001 IF M=1 THEN PRINT AT D(F),A
(F),"
5002 LET M=0
5003 GOSUB 8030
5016 IF S=0 THEN GOSUB 7000
1004 FOR F=2 TO 24
1005 PRINT AT 2,F;"
1010 NEXT F

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CUE

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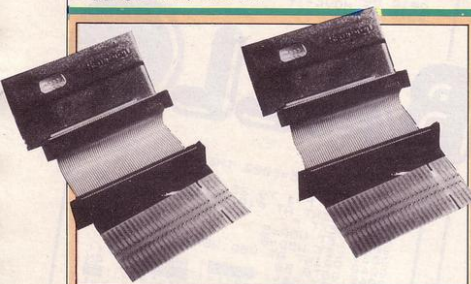
## Scuppered!

**S**oftware pirates are estimated to cost the software industry £150 million every year. A private member's bill designed to strike terror into pirates' hearts and put an end to this situation recently had its first reading in the House of Commons.

The bill was proposed by Conservative MP, William Powell and has the full support of the Federation Against Software Theft (FAST). FAST was formed in July last year to strengthen the copyright law, and its

members include Sinclair Research, Smiths, IBM, and major traders.

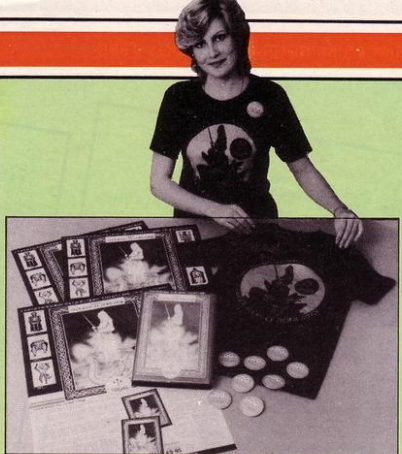
Powell, MP for Corby, feels that the bill should gain support from all parties as it "is non-contentious in its nature and has an excellent chance of becoming law". If the bill does gain support at its first, second and third readings, it will mean that the copyright laws are strengthened considerably, and there will be clear grounds on which offenders can be charged.



## Plus: more additions

**T**HE NEW Kempston Extender cable will prove a great help to Spectrum Plus owners. Sinclair Research earned themselves a black mark when it was found that the Kempston interface linking the Spectrum with the Kempston Joystick could not be attached to the supposedly fully compatible Spectrum Plus.

The new cable runs from interface to computer, and will be on sale in Boots, John Menzies and other retail outlets at a cost of £7.95. Said Keith Archer, Kempston's Technical Adviser, "We had thought of producing an extender cable and, after the arrival of the Spectrum+, we were prompted into action."



## Lots of monsters: even more insults

**S**WORDS and Sorcery was recently released by PSS for the Spectrum along with a range of accessories including t-shirts, badges and posters. Programmer Mike Simpson spent eighteen months on the program which numbers

Real Time, 86 monsters, 2,000 objects and four million ways to be insulted among its features. Packaged in a ring binder complete with explanatory booklet, **Swords and Sorcery** will retail at £9.95.

## Short on plus

**A**LTHOUGH Sinclair Research had predicted record Christmas computer sales it was not prepared and was faced with a shortage of Spectrum Pluses. The increased interest in the Spectrum+ following an extensive advertising campaign and the keyboard problems soon took its toll. This did not knock Sinclair's confidence and it was predicting that the shortages would soon be overcome.

The Spectrum+ may have been thin on the ground but the 48K Spectrum was still readily available. This was proved when Sinclair Research donated three computers as prizes to

winning entrants in a Save the Children Calendar competition.

## Dummies study Sinclair TV

**F**ANS of Sir Clive Sinclair will soon be able to see their hero on display at Madame Tussauds. A waxwork model of Sir Clive has already been completed but he cannot be unveiled until a model of Selina Scott has been finished. The pair will star together with Sir Clive holding a Sinclair pocket TV and Selina glancing over his shoulder at the screen.

## Frankie goes soft with Ocean

**I**SLAND Records, the recording company for **Frankie Goes to Hollywood**, has joined forces with Ocean Software and the Zang Tumb Tuum (ZTT) organisation. The results will be available for Spectrum and Commodore 64 owners to see in the spring when the first Frankie game is launched. The ZTT organisation are the band's creative producers and their contributions to the game should make it as individual as the band's music. Royalties from the sales will go to Frankie Goes to Hollywood and the three companies will share the revenue from the adventure game.



## Don't VAT the press

**T**HE PRICE of all your favourite magazines could rise by 15% next year. This would mean that *Sinclair Programs* could cost £1.10, and *Sinclair User* could cost over a pound. Even the price of the cheapest comics would rise by one or two pence.

The price rise would not be due to magazine publishers. It is because the government would like to impose Value Added Tax (VAT) on magazines and books at the next Budget.

The consequence of this would not only be that magazines would become more expen-

sive, but that there would be fewer magazines on sale. If a magazine's price rise were substantial, fewer people would buy the magazine. As publishers will make no money from the price rise, smaller magazines will lose money, and will be forced to close.

Younger people will pay more taxes, magazine prices will rise, and there will be fewer magazines on sale. Do you want this to happen? Write to your MP, or persuade your parents to do so, explaining what you think of this proposal.

## Wizard

**L**OOKING for the follow-ups to **Monty Mole** and **Potty Pigeon**? Check out the Quicksilver titles, then, rather than the Gremlin stocks, for Quicksilver have gained world-exclusive rights on the next two games from their author, Tony Crowther.

Wizard Development Company run by Tony and his partner, Roger Taylor, is pleased about the alliance because it

gives Wizard the experience and good name of one of the leading British software companies.

The two games, **Black Thunder** and **Gryphon**, have been written for the Commodore 64 but a spokeswoman for Quicksilver confirmed that their successful games are converted from Commodore to Spectrum and so conversion is likely to start early next year.

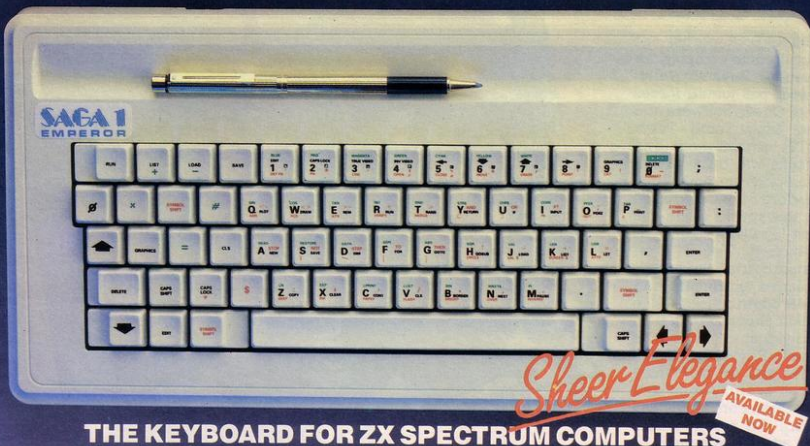
## New Generation magic

**L**IGHT MAGIC, a recent release from New Generation Software, is their first offering which has not been produced in-house. The graphics package was bought from a freelancer and New Generation feel that it will appeal to the more serious Sinclair users. The Light Magic program follows on from **Machine Code Tutor**

which New Generation launched in the middle of 1984.

James Day, the programmer who is adapting the Commodore version of **Cliff Hanger** has now left New Generation to go to university. Although he will still work on a freelance basis, New Generation are seeking full-time programmers.

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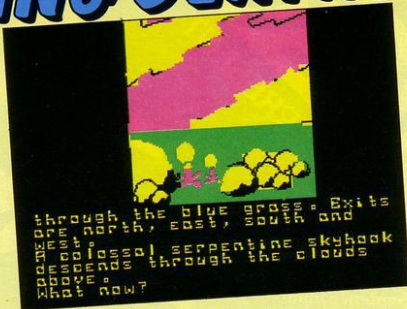
## RETURN TO EDEN

**A**DVENTURE game enthusiasts are bound to have tales of dangerous and inescapable situations in which they have been caught. The plight of Kim Kimberley in **Return to Eden** must win some sort of prize for being absolutely the worst situation in which anybody could find themselves. Even if we forget that Kim has just emerged from the earlier Level 9 adventure **Snowball**, and if we take into account that if we were Kim we would be able to see around us and thus avoid trying eight directions and in, out, up and down in all locations, the situation does not improve.

There Kim is, unprotected, in the wreckage of a stratoglider lifeboat.

In a limited amount of time a spaceship's rockets will be turned on Kim, and she has no hope of survival unless she can overcome two puzzles, untangle a maze and find one specific location before the rockets are switched on. If this game was for real, Kim would probably be fried while exploring the lifeboat.

Level Nine adventures are always outstanding, and **Return to Eden** is a joy to play. Quickly-drawn pictures are optional, and it is possible to change from text-only adventure to text and graphics at any point. All input receives a sensible answer, and it is by no means always the same answer. Even pressing every key, one after



another, while not producing the same useful results as this did in **Snowball**, will elicit a wide variety of responses.

Perhaps most user-friendly of all is the program's text acceptance. On most adventures the program will deal with one piece of text, ponder it at length, and then print a response. If you have already started typing your next move, only

half of it will appear and this must either be edited or entered. **Return from Eden** will deal with an enormous number of phrases at one time. Typing in eleven instructions in close succession will not confuse it at all.

An excellent, user-friendly, fiendishly difficult adventure, **Return to Eden** is produced by Level 9 computing.

**Game type:** Adventure  
**Rating:** 90%

## BEAM RIDER

**F**EELING mentally exhausted by a surfeit of adventure games? Fingers itching to kill something? Looking for a game which brings the electronic slaughter of the arcades into your home? You are? Strange.

**Beam rider** sets you flying through fifteen levels of grids, on each of which you have fifteen ships to blast into oblivion. This starts off fairly easy but, as the levels progress, the screens become littered with space debris, unassail-

able ships and all sorts of dangerous objects.

The graphics are not amazing, in fact they are small and pathetic. The speed of everything is very fast, so fast that you are likely to leave the game after an hour or so with a severe case of eye strain, and twitching fingers.

It is fast, it is furious, but it is not original, and it does not even approach excitement. Arcade freaks may find it appealing, no one else will.

**Beam rider** is produced by Activision, 15 Harley House, Marylebone Road, London NW1.

**Price:** £7.99

**Game type:** Arcade  
**Rating:** 35



## LAZY JONES

**W**HERE do old arcade games go to die? The answer is that they retire to **Lazy Jones** where they shrivel away to nothing and lose any charm that they ever possessed.

**Lazy Jones** is the eponymous hero of this game, and he finds himself in a three storey building full of doors, with lethal characters running up and down each floor, and slow-moving lifts connecting the storeys. The corridors, though, are an incidental part of the game. Behind the doors, always providing that you do not accidentally visit the broom cupboard or the toilet, are miniature versions of all the old favourite arcade games.

**Space invaders, Frogger and Breakout** can all be played on a miniature screen, against the clock, with no high score option, very limited sound and graphics and no replay option. If these games were not dying before, **Lazy Jones** kills them quickly and efficiently. By the time the third room is reached you will be keeping your finger on the fire button while you stare out of the window.

Given the nature of the program, it seems scarcely surprising that it is manufactured by a firm called Terminal Software, Derby House, Derby Street, Bury.

**Price:** £6.95

**Game type:** arcade  
**Rating:** 15%

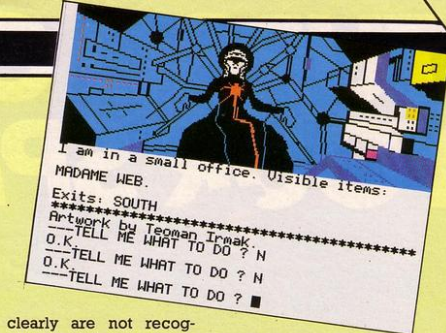
## QUESTPROBE

**S**UPER powers may be useful in many circumstances, but they certainly make adventure games no easier to solve. **Questprobe** stars the player in the role of Spiderman, continuing the adventure depicted in the Marvel comic supplied with the game. With super strength, the ability to climb walls and Spiderman's many other powers, things should be relatively easy but, in point of fact, it is difficult to remember what your

new-found powers are, let alone where and when to use them.

Spider strength soon comes in useful as you attempt to leave your start location by way of the lift. The ability to climb walls is less immediately useful, things seem to look just the same from the wall as from the floor.

The graphics of the adventure are superb, the Marvel comic characters such as the Sandman, Hydroman and the Ringmaster appear in full colour immediately you enter a location. Despite the quality of the graphics, they do not appear to be overly useful. Objects you can see quite



clearly are not recognised by the program, while objects which are described as soon as you examine a location are not visible in the pictures.

The adventure itself is excellent, with enough puzzles appearing immediately to keep any adventurer involved and intrigued. One slight problem lies with the instructions. Your object

in the game is described, but why is no mention made of the gems which can be collected, what they are, and what is to be done with them?

**Questprobe** is produced for the 48K Spectrum by Adventure International.

**Price: £9.95**

**Game type: Adventure**

**Rating: 70%**



## PITFALL 2

**S**OMEHOW there is more disappointment in encountering a bad game with a misleadingly good write-up on the cassette sleeve than there is in simply encountering a bad game. **Pitfall 2** sounds very promising. Vampire bats, poisonous frogs

and deadly electric eels all sound exciting and challenging.

In point of fact, the game is not much fun. The frogs are OK, although they hardly move. The scorpions have all the convincingly animated reality of a picture being dragged

along the ground, and the bats are little more than shapeless blobs recognisable as bats only because they move around in the air rather than on the ground.

Your aim is to move around the underground caverns, collecting the gold bullion in order to gain points, and finally collecting the Raj dia-

mond. Some of the graphics are good, for example the underground rivers and waterfalls. Scrolling from screen to screen is not smooth, but performed in a series of jerky steps.

**Pitfall 2** is produced for the 48K Spectrum by Activision.

**Game type: Arcade**

**Rating: 35%**

## LODE RUNNER

**I**F YOU thought the days of itty-bitsy characters in games were long gone, you were wrong. If you thought tiny characters were a sign of a bad game you were even further from the truth. **Lode Runner**, from Software Projects, features several tiny characters running across the screen or, rather, running across 180 screens.

Your aim is to collect all the gold on one screen and then escape to the next screen. Your

enemies, who chase you commando-style across the screen, aim to stop you. Their touch means instant death and, what is more, they have a nasty habit of picking up the gold you want to collect.

The basic idea behind the game is very familiar. Climb the ladders, collect the objects, avoid your enemies, and dig holes for them to fall into. Several points, though, differentiate it from a run-of-the-mill, seen-it-before game.

Firstly, there is the

sheer number and variety of the screens. 75 on one side of the cassette, and a further 75 on the next. Each contains an ingenious and challenging combination of ladders to climb, poles to slide along and different types of flooring.

Secondly, there is the edit facility. This allows you to change any of the screens, adding ladders, poles, gold, enemies, or whatever you want, to change the whole atmosphere of the game. You can also move the screens around, place all the easy ones at the beginning, or the difficult ones where you can

practise them.

The screens are ingenious and the game is fun. However, with excellent graphics proving to be one of the chief selling points of this year's games, and with the Digger theme almost done to death, it does not have the strong attraction of similar games, such as **Chuckie Egg**, released a year ago.

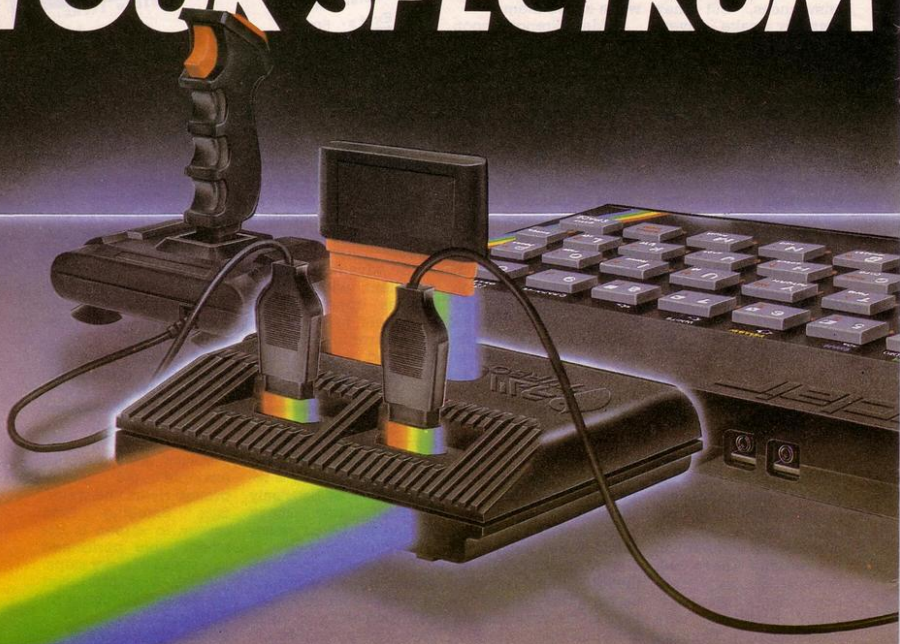
Produced for the 48K Spectrum by Software Projects, Bear Brand Complex, Allerton Road, Woolton, Liverpool.

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**Game type: Arcade**

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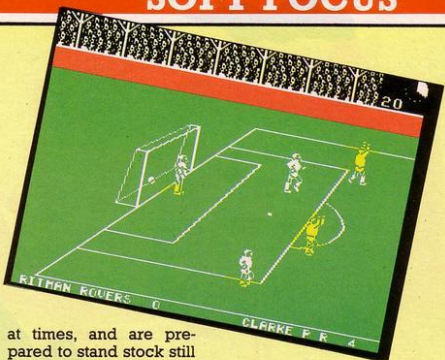
**M**AJOR advantages of football are that those playing it benefit from outdoor exercise, and those watching it have the chance to see skilful players in action. Both of these elements are missing from **Match Day**, a simulation of football on the 48K Spectrum.

The opposition have a clear advantage in that they always know who they are and that they usually know what they are doing. The player is likely to be overtaken by a major bout of schizophrenia as control shifts from one player to the next. The player to move is the one whose socks are white, rather than yellow. As control changes frequently from

one character to the next, there are around six players wearing yellow or white on the screen at any one time, and there is no certainty that your player is always on screen, this makes matters a trifle confusing.

A first attempt revealed a rather erratic scoring policy. The opposition were leading 1:0 when, presumably to give amateurs a sporting chance, they scored an own goal. Half time came, seeing the score standing at 4:1, and half time ended, leaving the score at 4:2. Something was definitely wrong somewhere.

The opposition mark your player wonderfully, even blending into him



at times, and are prepared to stand stock still for hours if your player chooses to do so. They are also uncomplaining, for repeated kicking of players will never result in a foul being declared.

Football is not, and will never be, intended to be played on the computer. Go outside if you want a good game of football,

look elsewhere if you want an enjoyable computer game.

Match Day is produced by Ocean Software, 6 Central Street, Manchester.

**Price: £5.90**

**Game type: simulation**

**Rating: 50%**

## COUNTRY COTTAGES

**T**OY MONEY is easily spent, and easily lost. Few games have the success of **Monopoly** in persuading each player to cling desperately to every fake pound. **Country Cottages** fails completely. The money you use in it, apart from being intangible and unreal, is also supposed to come from a bank loan. None of these points gives any incentive to spend the money sensibly, or to worry if it is all lost.

Starting with a bank loan, your aim is to buy, rent and sell cottages in order to make a certain amount of money before your opponent does so.

Cottages are portrayed so that you can choose whether or not to buy them, potential tenants—almost all of whom seem to be young and to have had children exceptionally quickly—are described for you to accept or decline.

The risks of the game are not particularly great. Tenants may run off unexpectedly, leaving the house in a mess but, on the whole, they are content to remain in your cottages, suffering the odd minor burglary and paying exorbitantly high rents until you have made as much money as you wish. Houses burning down may be a risk, but it is not a great one.

A stolid and uninteresting game, **Country Cottages** is produced by Sterling Software, PO Box 839, 86-88 Edgware Road, London W2.

**Price: £5.95**

**Game type: simulation**

**Rating: 25%**

## SYSTEM 15000

**C**OMPUTER hacking, that is, using your computer to break into other computerised data bases for fun is a hobby of dubious morality and legality. It is, however, very popular, presenting opportunities, as it does, to break codes, find out secret information and baffle security systems. It is an occupation which you either love or hate, hackers will stay up all night once they have started, while observers if any, watch with puzzled surprise.

**System 15000** gives you all the fun and challenge of computer hacking within the confines of a game. It is so realistic that purchasers who always found hacking uninteresting will find the game about as exciting as ringing a number which is perpetually engaged and probably the wrong number anyway when you have the strong suspicion that

your telephone may have broken down three days ago.

In **System 15000** morality and the law are definitely on your side. You have to return a stolen \$1,500,000 to the account of Comdata's bank, Midminster. The police admit the money has been stolen, you are responsible for recovering it.

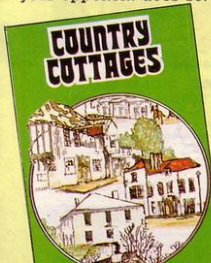
Starting with very limited information, which will allow you access to a few facts stored at Kingsdown Polytechnic, and with the knowledge that a scientific researcher named Geoff may or may not help you, you are thrown in the deep end and left to hack your way through as many databases as possible.

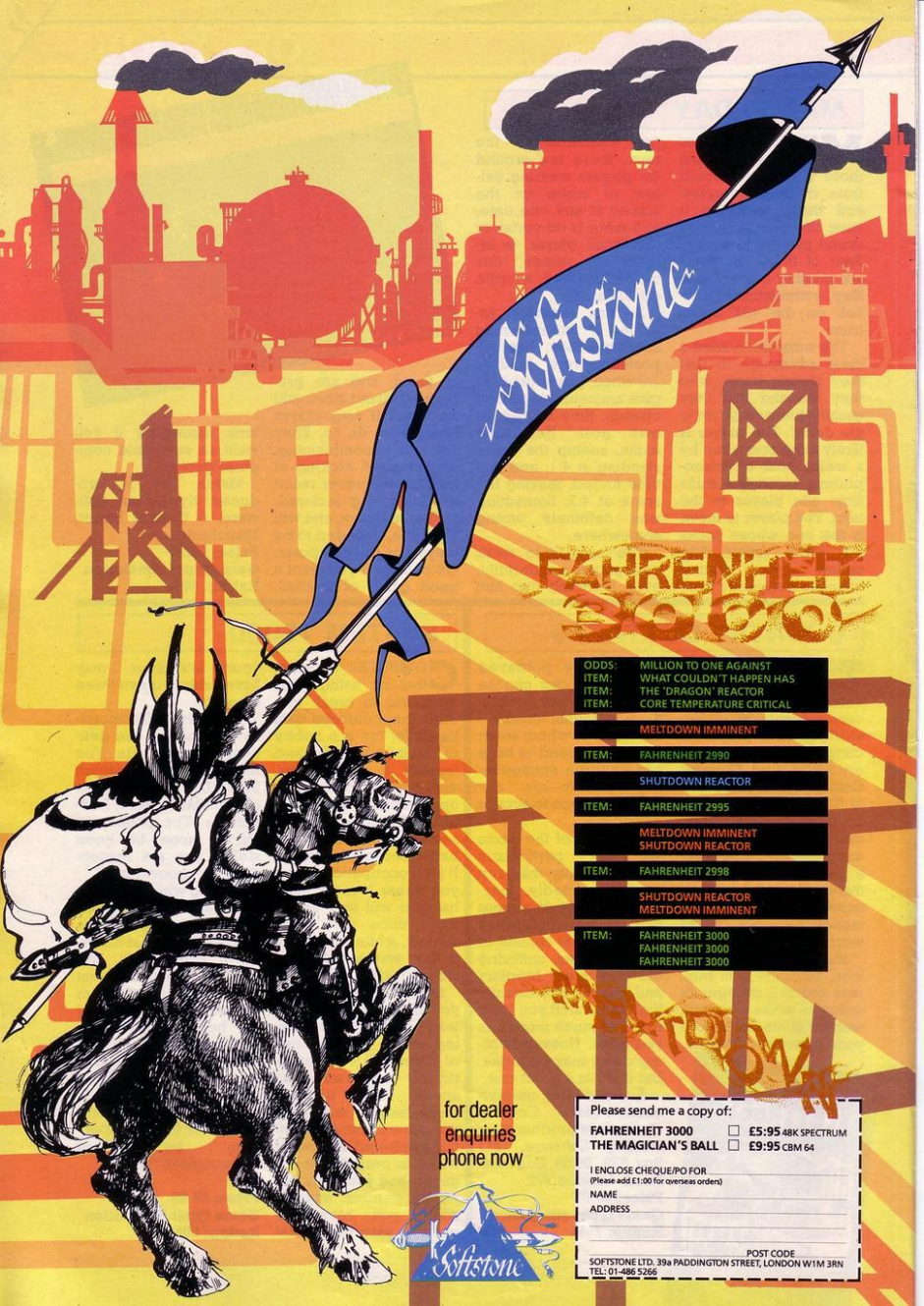
**System 15000** is produced for the 48K Spectrum by Craig Communications Ltd.

**Price: £9.95**

**Game type: Simulation**

**Rating: 60%**





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## RUNES OF ZENDOS

**W**HEN Dorcas brought out their game **The Oracle's Cave**, it was very impressive. A fully animated adventure, with clear graphics, not tiny little characters! Very original, very good.

Their follow-up is less impressive, for the idea of the animated adventure has now been taken to greater lengths than Dorcas had imagined. **The Runes of Zendos** sees the player wandering around one of twelve different castle layouts, searching for a Runic Hour glass. Twelve separate adventures, al-

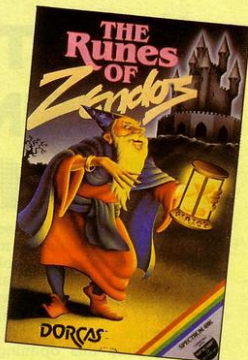
though the problems which you encounter, and the characters you meet will be similar in each one.

In each location your options are limited. If you face unfriendly opponents without the weapon necessary to destroy them instantly you will have to fight them. The outcome relies on your strength and your weapons, but also on luck. Fights with a little luck involved are exciting, fights where too much of a random element is involved are frustrating and ultimately boring. Those in The

Runes of Zendos fall into the latter of these two categories.

The graphics and animation are good, but not spectacular. The problems are monotonous: find the correct objects in the right order and use them in the right way. The fight scenes are tedious. Runes of Zendos suffers more than most games from the rivalry of other programs released at the same time. It is a moderately enjoyable adventure game, but is certainly not the best of its type on the Spectrum market this Christmas.

Produced for the 48K Spectrum by Dorcas



Software.

Price: £7.95

Game type: Adventure

Rating 67%

## THE MAGIC GARDEN

**D**OUGAL'S dreams have come true. Sugar has been scattered over the Magic Garden. So much sugar, in fact, that Dougal has decided to build himself a little sugar house.

He collects the sugar together before others in

the garden can eat it, avoids touching the others, and then moves on to the next level. As the game becomes harder, the other characters begin to eat the sugar faster, and the only way to keep enough of it is to load it onto the train.

A non-violent game, this, for Dougal never dies, although he will be sent to bed if he bumps into other characters or does not eat enough sugar to keep him awake.

Problems with the games, are the graphics, which blur into each other as two characters meet, the erratic move-

ment of all characters except Dougal, and the sound, which produces an excruciatingly slow rendition of the Magic Roundabout theme tune.

Produced for the 48K Spectrum by CRL, 9 Kings Yard, Carpenters Road, London E15.

Price: £5.95

Rating: 55%

## SANDMAN COMETH

**M**YSTIC spiel, filled with references to the subconscious and the answer to life is always a good way to begin an adventure program. **The Sandman cometh**, with its intriguing title and cover sleeve sounds exciting and faintly mysterious. Unfortunately, the mystery rests mainly in finding the correct phrases.

You begin the adventure at the top of a flight of stairs. At the bottom of the stairs is a locked door. As you do not carry a key, this proves to be a tricky start to the game, until you notice the welcome mat on the ground in front of you. On the other side of the front door is a series of doors, each of which

leads to a different scenario. The graphics are good, the locations are varied, but the vocabulary is painfully limited.

The VOCAB command lists all verbs available to you. Even this limited list speeds up the adventure only marginally, as the program seems oblivious to the concept of synonyms, and, for example, allows you to struggle with GO EAST, OPEN DOOR, IN, ENTER ROOM, PULL DOOR, PUSH DOOR, before finally conceding that the answer is THROUGH DOOR.

Searching for the answer to a puzzle is one thing, having to fight to make even the simplest move is another. And why, oh why, did the programmer omit the word

TAKE? See the key, type in TAKE KEY, and the computer proclaims its inability to do any such thing. Your mind turns to invisible force-fields or strange spells protecting the key, before it becomes apparent that the answer is to GET the key.

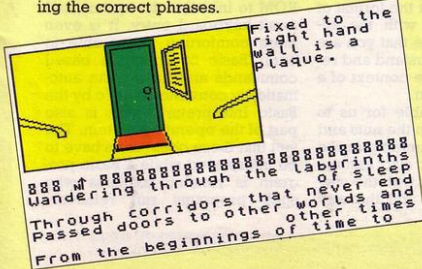
The graphics are clear and useful, the imagination used in the creation of many of the locations is obviously great. A pity, then, that the programmer elected to make this game so hostile to users.

The Sandman Cometh is produced for the Spectrum by Star Dreams, 17 Barn Close, Seaford, East Sussex.

Price: £10.95

Game type: Adventure

Rating: 60%



# PRACTICAL PROGRAMMING USING MACHINE CODE



**T**HIS is the first of a series of articles/tutorials on machine code programming, the object of which is to lead you as painlessly as possible into the whiz-kid world of super-fast graphics and animation.

Hopefully this opening statement will encourage any cynics who complacently feel that their command of Basic is good enough to do everything they may ever want to do on their Spectrums. Anyone who enjoys playing games as well as programming them cannot avoid being convinced of the rewards to be gained from m/c programming: speed of execution, high quality graphics, animation and sound effects which cannot be matched by Basic programs; these are fulfilling rewards in themselves. Combine m/c skills with the kind of imagination and inventiveness of which you may well have found yourself capable in high-level programming such as Basic, and you could find even more tangible rewards in your bank account!



A much more realistic reason for not wanting to get involved might be that you feel that you have not yet fully explored programming in Basic. Very sensible. I have previously said that it is always best to walk before you can run and, in any case, I must assume that you are a reasonably proficient high-level programmer who wants to break new ground. It is only when you reach this stage that the need to get deeper into your machine with m/c programming becomes irresistible.

Admittedly, there are a number

of books around on this subject. In my opinion, though, none of them really inspire the newcomer with much confidence. Usually far too much weight is given to theory and not enough to practice. Those which do emphasize the practical side seem to throw you in the deep end or assume that all you want is a collection of m/c routines which you can build up as a dedicated toolkit.

I have deliberately emphasized the word **PRACTICAL** in the title



of this opening article because the aim is that you should become increasingly confident in using m/c for practical applications. That means learning from worked examples, starting small in the next article (because we have some background to cover in this one first) and becoming progressively more advanced as the series unfolds. Each routine will be fully explained, together with the actual format of each new Z80 (the name given to the Spectrum Central Processing unit) instruction as it is met. Another drawback of reading books is the boring way most of them have of classifying and categorising the many Z80 mnemonics. You will still learn all you need to know about the format of these instructions, with the all-important difference that you are more likely to understand and remember them in the context of a practical application.

To make it possible for us to start getting down to the nuts and bolts of m/c programming in the next article, I must also assume that you are familiar with the way a computer counts and the way

numbers are represented. For the latter aspect, I would strongly recommend you to re-read my October 1984 "Program Tutor" on numbers. For the rest, there are many good general purpose computing books on your library shelves. Binary and hexadecimal representation and arithmetic (including 2's complement arithmetic) may seem a bit alien at first but you should soon pick it up.

## MAKING A START

First then, we must understand what is meant by Machine Code. The term "low level" used earlier gives the best definition. The lower the level of the language being used to communicate with a computer, the more closely we approach the machine's native dialect. The Z80 microprocessor at the heart of your Spectrum (or Central Processing Unit) really only understands the 0s and 1s which tell it whether a bit is switched OFF or ON. Therefore only binary numbers can properly be called machine code.



Immediately you switch on your Spectrum the Z80 starts working through a pre-programmed set of such machine code instructions. This is the monitor program which is part of the operating system designed by Sinclair Research. It is comfortable to assume that the machine is just sitting there waiting for you to do things to it when, in fact, it has already executed a number of m/c instructions in ROM to initialise the system and await keyboard entry. It is even more comforting to be able to enter Basic or Spectrum based commands and have them automatically converted to m/c by the Basic Interpreter which is also part of the operating system. The fact that these commands have to be interpreted while a Basic program is running explains why such programs run relatively

slowly.

Exactly how the Z80 interprets such binary numbers would mean getting into the electronic wizardry of the microprocessor itself. The m/c programmer need only understand that the Z80 is designed to interpret the binary representations of a set of codes which are instructions for it to do something, usually (but not always) with a number. To make such codes more intelligible to the programmer, mnemonics are



mnemonic which means "load register A with the number, n". This needs to be converted to pre-assigned binary codes to be intelligible to the Z80.

So how can this be m/c programming if such mnemonics have to be converted into m/c? Strictly speaking, the language used by the m/c programmer is not really m/c at all, but a higher level language called assembler. However, as a utility program which is quite independent of the operating system (unlike the Basic interpreter) is used to do the conversion, the name m/c programming is now universally accepted.

The utility program which does this conversion from assembler language (Z80 mnemonics or



source code) to m/c (object code) is also called an assembler. There are now a number of such programs commercially available for the Spectrum. There are also programs to reverse the process called disassemblers. These take m/c from memory and convert it to assembler code. So, whereas an assembler will convert your Z80 assembler code into m/c, a disassembler can provide the key to understanding m/c written by someone else. Such a program can be a very useful tool when probing the mysteries of the Spectrum ROM, especially if it is equipped with a monitor (not to

be confused with the Spectrum monitor mentioned earlier). This will tell you what is happening to the various flags and registers as the code is being executed. More about these in a moment as they are at the very heart of the subject.

Having extolled the benefits of a good assembler and disassembler, do not feel that you must immediately run out and buy them. All the m/c routines I will be presenting will be accompanied by a Basic program to enter and run, so wait until you get a feel for what is happening. You will then be better able to judge what to buy.

### ADDRESSES AND REGISTERS

Most numbers which your Spectrum has to handle need somewhere to live, besides being present in your program. This



is as true for m/c as it is for Basic. In Basic, we know they are sent off somewhere when we assign a variable name. In m/c, we have to start thinking of these homes for numbers as addresses, so that addressing is the process of taking a number out of its home (or giving it a home!)

It is the Z80 which has to move numbers about in this way. In common with the CPU of the largest mainframe computer, it simply does not have the capacity to communicate directly with every possible address in the outside world of either ROM or RAM so, instead, it gives a number a temporary home inside itself, called a register. A register, then, is a place in the CPU where a number can be operated on, usually (although not always) in between being taken from and passed back to memory.

The Z80 has a number of these registers. The most commonly used of these are labelled A (for Accumulator) and F (for Flags). The A register is favoured by the Z80 to hold the result of an eight bit arithmetic or logical operation. The F register is used to hold important information about the nature of the number held in the A register or the outcome of the execution of the last instruction.

These flags are very important as they are the key to the way the Z80 makes decisions as to which instruction to execute next. A flag



is the result of the CPU's own test of each of six bits in the eight bit F register, to indicate whether a condition is true or false (bit = 1 or 0). The flags themselves must first be set up (again, this is done automatically by the CPU). Which flags are affected depends on the type of operation last executed, so keep this in mind when reading the following list:

**Zero Flag.** This is straightforward enough, as the zero flag is



set if the result is zero.

**Sign Flag.** If you have done your homework on 2's complement arithmetic, you will know that the most significant bit of an eight bit byte indicates a negative number if a "1". So this flag depends on what is held in bit seven (the leftmost bit) of the register.

**Carry Flag.** The single byte registers mentioned can only deal with numbers in the range 0-255. The carry flag is set if the Z80 has to add to numbers in order to exceed this limit (called "binary overflow") or subtract a number from a smaller number ("binary underflow"). This flag is frequently used to make a decision on the comparison of 2 numbers.

The other, less commonly



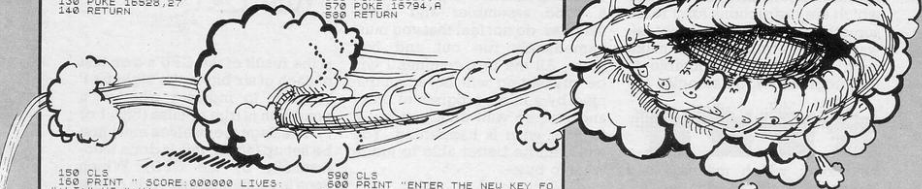
used, flags which I will explain when we meet them are **Negate**, **Overflow/Parity** and **Half Carry**.

Other registers for general purposes (also eight bit) are labelled B, C, D, E, H and L. These can be paired for 16 bit arithmetic (to handle numbers in the range 0-6553) and take the form AF, BC, DE and HL. There are other register pairs dedicated to certain functions.

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440 PRINT TAB 10, "DOWN="; CHR$ P
EAK 16573
441 PRINT TAB 10, "LEFT="; CHR$ P
EAK 16555
442 PRINT TAB 10, "RIGHT="; CHR$ P
EAK 16555
443 PRINT TAB 10, "ENTER DIFFICULTY L
EVEL 1(S)";
444 PRINT "OR PRESS R TO RECI
445 LET AS=INKEY$
446 IF AS=R THEN GOTO 590
447 IF AS=S OR AS=Q THEN GO
TO 470
448 LET A=(2 AND AS=1)+3 AND
S=(4 AND AS=3)+1+6 AND
S=1+(255 AND AS=5)+6
449 POKE 17038, A
450 PRINT "ENTER SPEED (1-7)";
451 LET AS=INKEY$
452 IF AS=7 OR AS=1 THEN GO
TO 530
453 LET AS=AL-AS-1
454 POKE 16794, A
455 POKE 16794, A

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150 CLS
160 PRINT " SCORE:000000 LIVES:
":LI:" HI:";HS
170 PRINT AT 1.0:"
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210 RETURN
220 LET S$=""
230 LET D=PEEK 16396+256*PEEK
240 LET L=I THEN GOTO 310
250 IF L=I THEN GOTO 310
260 PRINT AT I,S; PEEK+1 FOR N
270 IF "INKEYS()"=N THEN GOTO 270
280 PRINT AT I,S;
290 PRINT AT PEEK 16519,PEEK

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590 CLS
600 PRINT "ENTER THE NEW KEY FO
R
610 PRINT TAB 10;"UP;"
620 GOSUB 1000
630 IF 16599 CODE AS
640 PRINT TAB 10;"DOWN;"
650 GOSUB 1000
660 IF 16573 CODE AS
670 PRINT TAB 10;"LEFT;"
680 GOSUB 1000
690 IF 16561 CODE AS
700 PRINT TAB 10;"RIGHT;"
710 GOSUB 1000
720 POKE 16555, CODE
730 GOTO 500
740 IF 16543 CODE THEN GOTO 750
750 LET AS=INKEY$
760 IF AS="" THEN GOTO 500
770 PRINT "":AS
780 RETURN
790 GOTO 500
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# BYTEMAN

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350,," AT PEAK 16521,PEEK 16522
351,PRINT AT 2,1/0"
350 LET LI=LI-1
350 GOTO 356
351 FOR D=0 TO D-5
352 LET S=S+CHR$(CHR$ PEAK A
353 NEXT A
354 FOR VAL S$ VAL H$ THEN LET H
S$=
355 CLS
356 PRINT AT 5,1:," YOU HAD A S
DURE OF VAL S$,," WHEN YOU
357 PRINT "," ANOTHER GAME ?
358
359 IF INKEYS="" THEN GOTO 353
354 IF INKEYS="N" THEN STOP
355
360 PRINT AT 0,20,LI
370 GOSUB 70
380 GOTO 40
390 CLS
391 PRINT TAB 7;"B Y T E M A N"
TAB 7:
392 PRINT
394 PRINT " [A MAGROBYTE PRODU
C'ION
395 PRINT "
400 PRINT " EAT ALL THE PELLET
S (.) AND
410 PRINT " AVOID THE TERRIBLE
B YTES ($)
420 PRINT " KEYS "
430 PRINT TAB 10;"UP",CHR$(PEE
K 16559)

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the program and type RUN 860.

After waiting for a few minutes, LIST the program. You should see 0 at the top left hand corner of the screen. Enter one REM followed by POKE 16419,1 and then LIST 1. This procedure should be repeated every time line zero is listed. Now type RUN to play.

Do your best to avoid the greedy byteman while you eat the pellets scattered around the maze. The easiest difficulty level is level one, and the fastest speed is speed one. Once you are certain that the game is functioning correctly, delete lines 860 onwards, save the program, then type RUN 840. The program will then save itself in its finished form and autorun.

# LITTERBUGS

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10 RESTORE : PAPER 0: BORDER 0
: INK 7: OVER 0: CLS
12 LET a$="CA": LET b$="DB": L
ET s=0: LET t=0
15 GO TO 4000
200 IF ATTR (x1,y1) <> 6 THEN
PRINT INK 5: AT x1+1,y1:"L": G
O SUB 300: LET e=e+1: IF t=0 THE
N FOR j=20 TO 40 STEP 5: BEEP .
01,j: NEXT j
210 IF x1=1 AND y1=31 AND e=9 T
HEN LET z=z+1: LET s=s+100: GO
TO 8000
299 RETURN
300 LET s=s+45: PRINT #0: OVER
0: AT 0,15- LEN STR$ s: INK 6:
PAPER 1: RETURN
2000 FOR k=1 TO 2
2005 IF t=0 THEN GO TO 2012
2010 READ n: IF n=7 THEN RESTOR
E 9570: GO TO 2010
2011 BEEP .03,n+12
2030 IF INKEY$="2" AND ATTR (
x-1,y)=4 THEN LET x1=x-3: IF t=
0 THEN FOR j=0 TO 30 STEP 5: BE
EP .01,j: NEXT j
2060 IF ATTR (x+2,y)=7 THEN LE
T x1=x+3: IF t=0 THEN FOR j=30
TO 0 STEP -5: BEEP .01,j: NEXT j
2070 LET y1=y+(INKEY$="0" AND
y<31)-(INKEY$="9" AND y>0)
2080 IF ATTR (x1+1,y1)=6 THEN
GO SUB 200
2090 PRINT AT x,y: a$(i): AT x+1
,y: b$(i): LET i=i+1: IF i=3 THEN
LET i=1
2095 PRINT AT x1,y: a$(i): AT x
+1,y1: b$(i): LET x=x1: LET y=y1
2100 IF INKEY$="w" THEN IF A
TTR (x+1,y) <> 7 THEN PRINT IN
K 7: AT x+1,y:"N": IF t=0 THEN
FOR j=40 TO 20 STEP -5: BEEP .01
,j: NEXT j
2199 IF k=2 THEN GO TO 2262
2200 LET b1=b+(y-b)-(y<b)
2230 LET a1=a+5*((x+1)>a) AND A
TTR (a+1,b)=4-((x+1)<a AND ATT
R (a-2,b)=4))
2240 IF ATTR (a1+1,b)=7 THEN L
ET a1=a+13
2242 IF y=b1 THEN IF x+1=a1 THE
N GO TO 4000
2245 IF ATTR (a1,b1)=7 THEN PR
INT AT a,b:"K": INK 5: AT a1,b1
:"M": FOR j=12 TO 48 STEP 12: B
EEP .01,n+j-12: PRINT AT a1,b1:
"K": BEEP .01,n+j: NEXT j: GO SU
B 300: LET a1=2: LET b1= INT (R

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The Litterbugs have been at work, and it is your job to clear up after them. Two of the litterbugs are still present and will chase you as you pick up the rubbish. You can protect yourself by dropping litter baskets in their path. When you have picked up all the litter you can move on to the next screen.

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ND *32): PRINT AT a,b:"K"
2250 PRINT AT a,b:"K": AT a1,b1
:"K"
2260 LET a=a1: LET b=b1
2261 GO 2361
2300 LET d1=d+(y-d)-(y<d)
2330 LET c1=c+3*((x+1)>c AND A
TTR (c+1,d)=4-((x+1)<c AND ATT
R (c-2,d)=4))
2340 IF ATTR (c1+1,d)=7 THEN L
ET c1=c+3
2342 IF y=d1 THEN IF x+1=c1 THE
N GO TO 4000
2345 IF ATTR (c1,d1)=7 THEN PR
INT AT c,d:"K": INK 5: AT c1,d1
:"N": FOR j=48 TO -12 STEP -12:
BEEP .01,n+j: PRINT AT c1,d1:"K"
: BEEP .01,n+j-12: NEXT j: GO S
UB 300: LET c1=3*(2+(INT (RND
*6))) -1: LET d1=31: PRINT AT c,
d:"K"
2350 PRINT AT c,d:"K": AT c1,d1
:"K"
2360 LET c=c1: LET d=d1
2999 NEXT k: GO TO 2000
4005 PRINT AT a,b:"K": AT c,d:
"K"
4010 FOR j=1 TO 21: PRINT AT x,
y: a$(i): AT x+1,y: b$(i): BEEP .0
05,j: BEEP .005,j+10: BEEP .005,
j+20: NEXT j
4030 FOR j=x TO 0 STEP -1: PRINT
AT j,y:"A": AT j+1,y:"B": BEEP
.03,40-j+2: BEEP .02,50-j+2: BE
EP .02,60-j+2: PRINT AT j,y:"A"
: AT j+1,y:"B": NEXT j
4060 LET l=1: IF l=0 THEN GO
TO 4400
4399 GO TO 8500
4400 PRINT OVER 0: PAPER 2: INK
7: AT 7,5:
: AT 8,5: GAME OVER
: AT 9,5:
: AT 10,5: PRESS KEY 0 TO
START : AT 11,5:
4410 PRINT #0: AT 0,26: PAPER 1:
: AT 1,26: PAPER 1:
4450 IF INKEY$ <> "0" THEN GO
TO 4450
4452 CLS : GO TO 7700
6000 FOR i=USR "a" TO USR "n"+
7
6001 READ j: POKE i,j: NEXT i
6002 GO SUB 9000
6005 DATA 112,154,159,61,93,117,
124,56,8,62,93,157,21,116,119,7,
14,89,249,188,186,174,62,28,16,1
24,186,185,168,46,238,224
6010 DATA 239,239,239,0,254,254,

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254,0,126,66,126,66,126,66,126,6
6,255,255,255,252,240,240,224,22
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6015 DATA 255,231,255,0,0,0,0,0,0
255,255,255,63,15,15,7,7,255,255
,183,221,107,170,84,0
6020 DATA 60,126,219,255,195,195
,126,60
6025 DATA 0,100,40,20,126,44,88,
0
6026 DATA 60,126,255,255,255,255
,255,159,0,0,195,36,66,36,66,60
7700 LET z=1: IF >h THEN LET h
==
7710 LET 1=3: LET s=0
7720 PRINT INK 5: AT 11,0:"Pres
s key " : INK 6:"T": INK 5:" for
continuous tune," : AT 13,3:"or k
ey " : INK 6:"S": INK 5:" for sou
nd effects."
7721 PRINT AT 19,21:"C A A": IN
K 5: AT 20,21:"D B B"
7724 IF INKEY$="t" THEN LET t
=1: GO TO 7730
7725 IF INKEY$="s" THEN LET t
=0: GO TO 7730
7729 GO TO 7724
7730 IF INKEY$ "<" THEN GO
TO 7730
8003 FOR i=-24 TO 48 STEP 12: BE
EP .05,1: NEXT i
8005 IF z=5 THEN LET z=1
8010 OVER 0: INK 7: PAPER 0: CLS
8011 PRINT AT 0,0: " LITTERBUGS
SCREEN " : z
8012 PRINT AT 0,0: INK 3: OVER
1: "(22+ig3)": INK 5: "(8+ig3)": I
NK 3: "(2+ig3)"
8013 FOR i=22 TO 20 STEP 3: PRINT
INK 5: AT 1,0,i": " : NEXT i
8015 RESTORE 8000+100*z
8017 PRINT INK 6: AT 1,31:"M":
AT 2,31:"(ig8)"
8020 READ x,y: IF x=99 THEN GO
TO 8050
8025 PRINT INK 2: PAPER 6: AT x
,y:"EEEEEE": GO TO 8020
8050 READ x,y: IF x=99 THEN GO
TO 8061
8060 PRINT INK 3: PAPER 6: AT x
,y:"EEEEEE": GO TO 8050
8062 READ x,y: IF x=99 THEN GO
TO 8065
8064 PRINT INK 4: PAPER 1: AT x
,y:"JJJJJJ": GO TO 8062
8070 READ x,y: IF x=99 THEN GO
TO 8072
8071 PRINT INK 5: AT x,y:"SHHHH
": GO TO 8070
8072 READ x,y: IF x=99 THEN GO
TO 8074
8073 PRINT INK 4: AT x,y:"E": A
T x+1,y:"E": AT x+2,y:"E": GO TO
8072
8075 FOR i=1 TO 9: READ x,y: PRI
NT INK 6: AT x,y:"L": NEXT i
8080 LET e=0
8090 PRINT AT 21,0: INK 2: PAPER

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R 6: "EEEEEEEEEE": INK 3: "EEEEEE
EEE": INK 2: "EEEEEEEEEE"
8100 DATA 3,8,3,14,3,26,6,1,9,6,
9,12,9,20,15,2,15,6,15,12,99,0
8105 DATA 6,20,6,26,12,0,12,6,12
,9,12,20,12,26,15,23,15,26,18,0,
18,6,18,10,18,18,18,26,99,0
8110 DATA 3,20,3,22,6,7,15,9,99,
0
8115 DATA 9,15,18,9,18,21,99,0
8120 DATA 3,27,6,10,6,23,9,7,12,
12,12,24,15,4,15,29,18,8,18,20,9
,9,0
8121 DATA 14,2,20,6,2,9,5,30,8,1
2,11,21,17,6,17,18,20,19
8200 DATA 3,5,3,14,12,16,12,22,1
5,7,15,26,99,0
8201 DATA 3,8,9,6,9,17,9,23,9,25
,12,5,12,7,15,23,99,0
8202 DATA 3,20,3,26,9,11,15,1,99,
0
8203 DATA 6,11,6,16,15,13,18,7,1
8,13,18,19,99,0
8204 DATA 3,6,6,6,6,21,9,27,12,1
5,15,12,15,18,18,6,18,12,18,18,1
8,24,99,0,5,12,8,18,8,29,11,10,1
4,2,14,30,20,22,2,4,17,8
8300 DATA 6,12,6,14,9,9,9,15,15,
12,15,14,18,5,18,23,18,26,99,0
8301 DATA 6,2,6,5,6,20,12,16,12,
21,15,19,15,26,99,0
8302 DATA 9,26,12,1,12,8,15,6,99,
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8303 DATA 3,8,3,22,3,27,18,0,18,
11,99,0
8304 DATA 3,7,3,13,3,21,6,10,9,1
8,12,23,15,8,15,30,18,16,99,0
8305 DATA 5,5,14,30,21,18,30,11
,10,14,6,17,0,17,24,20,21
8400 DATA 3,26,9,0,9,13,12,4,12,
8,12,17,12,20,18,19,18,21,99,0,3
,9,3,15,6,1,6,4,9,10,9,19,15,26,
99,0,6,20,6,26,18,0,18,6,99,0
8401 DATA 12,26,15,8,15,13,15,18
,18,27,99,0,3,21,3,28,6,23,9,11,
9,21,12,9,15,7,23,18,25,99,0
8402 DATA 2,26,5,9,5,31,8,4,11,1
3,11,17,14,28,17,1,17,28
8500 DATA 3,6,3,8,6,1,6,18,6,19,
6,25,9,6,9,21,15,16,15,23,15,26,
18,8,99,0,3,22,3,26,6,4,12,0,12,

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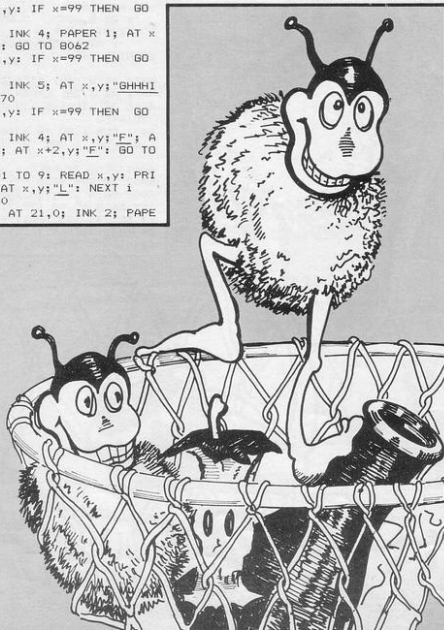
22,12,24,18,0,18,12,99,0
8501 DATA 3,0,3,14,9,26,12,16,99
,0,9,13,15,3,15,11,18,23,18,27,9
,0,3,8,3,23,6,2,9,2,9,12,12,15,
15,20,18,20,18,27,99,0
8503 DATA 2,6,8,22,11,0,11,16,14
,4,14,27,17,0,4,17,31
8509 LET c=3*(2*(INT (RND *6)))
-1: LET d=31: LET x=19: LET y=0
LET b=INT (RND *32)
8510 PRINT #0: PAPER 1: AT 0,0:"

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8515 PRINT #0: INK 6: PAPER 1: A
T 0,4:"SCORE 00000": INK 5: AT 1
,1:"HI SCORE 00000": INK 4: AT 1
,20:"LIVES"
8516 PRINT #0: AT 0,15-LEN STR
F #5: INK 6: PAPER 1: AT 1,15-
LEN STR F #5: INK 5: PAPER 1: h
8519 OVER 1: INK 8: PAPER 8
8700 LET i=1: PRINT AT x,y:$(i
): AT x+1,y:$(i): AT a,b:$(i): A
T c,d:$(i)
8703 RESTORE 9540
8705 FOR k=1 TO 2: PRINT #0: AT
0,26: FOR j=1 TO 1: PRINT #0: P
APER 1:$(k): " : NEXT j
8710 PRINT #0: AT 1,26: FOR j=1
TO 1: PRINT #0: INK 5: PAPER 1:
b:$(k): " : NEXT j
8720 READ n: IF n=0 THEN RESTOR
E 9540: GO TO 8720
8725 BEEP .01,n: BEEP .01,n+2:
BEEP .01,n+12: BEEP .01,n+24: BE
EP .01,n+36: NEXT k
8730 IF INKEY$ "<" "0" THEN GO
TO 8705
8799 RESTORE 9570: GO TO 2000
9003 PRINT INK 4: AT 4,2:"The l
itterbugs have " : "1"
all around. Help me
to collect all the rubbish."
9004 PRINT INK 5: " The angry
litterbugs usually
chase me b
ut I can protect
myself by
leaving litter
baskets in
their path for
them to cr
ash into."
9005 GO SUB 9006: GO TO 9110
9006 PRINT INK 6: AT 0,11:"LITT
ERBUGS: PLOT 42,19: RESTORE 911
3: FOR i=1 TO 12: READ x,y: DRAW
x,y: NEXT i: PRINT INK 6: AT 1
4,2:"Press key 0 to continue...
": INK 5: AT 21,4:"D": INK 4:"
L L L L N L":#0: AT 0,1: INK 2
: PAPER 6:"EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE"
9007 FOR i=30 TO 60: IF INKEY$
"<" "0" THEN PRINT AT 20,4:$(
1/30): NEXT i: GO TO 9007
9035 IF INKEY$ "<" "X" THEN GO
TO 9035
9035 CLS: RETURN
9110 PRINT INK 6: AT 4,2:"If I
pick up all the litter
then
I can pass through the
door
at the top which takes
me to
the next screen."
9111 PRINT INK 5: " Th
ere are 5
rent screens."
9113 DATA 14,22,-44,3,-12,8,6,88
,4,8,116,8,116,-4,8,-8,5,-88,-12
,-4,-176,-10,-25,-23
9114 GO SUB 9006
9118 PRINT INK 2: PAPER 6: AT 4
,6: " CONTROL KEYS "
9120 PRINT INK 4: AT 6,6:"LEFT
9": AT 8,6:"RIGHT
0": AT 10,6:"CLIMB
2": AT 12,6:"PUT DO
UP LADDER
WN A BASKET W"
9125 GO SUB 9006: RESTORE
9540 DATA 2,2,4,4,5,4,4,2,2,5,
5,9,9,9,9,2,2,4,4,5,5,4,4,2,9,7,
4,2,2,2,2,0
9570 DATA 1,1,3,3,6,8,10,10,6,6,
8,8,10,8,6,6,10,10,8,8,3,3,3,3,8
,8,6,6,1,1,1,7
9581 DATA 2,1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2,3,2,3,2,
3,3,6,3,8,6,10,6,2,6,2,6,2,8,2
,8,2,8,3,10,3,8,6,6
9582 DATA 2,10,2,10,2,10,2,8,2,8
,2,8,3,3,3,6,3,2,8,2,8,2,8,2,6
,2,6,2,6,3,1,3,1,6,1,7,0

```





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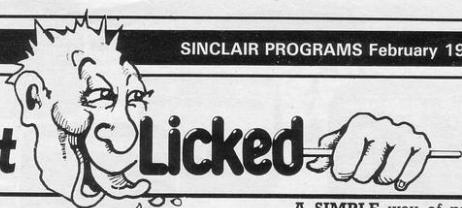
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AS I sat down to read my November issue of *Sinclair Programs*, I read a letter from A Horrocks which said that he wanted to know a program which would produce high-resolution graphics on our old friend, the ZX-81. I have found that a nine line program made up of POKE statements can achieve this.

```
10 REM.....
20 POKE 16514,62
30 POKE 16516,237
40 POKE 16517,71
50 POKE 16518,201
60 FOR N=0 TO 30
70 POKE 16515,N
90 RAND USR 16514
100 NEXT N
```

The program produces high resolution graphics on the screen, but you cannot control them.

**Anthony Empson,**  
aged 15,  
Plymouth, Devon.



ON THE subject of hi-res display on the ZX-81. I should like to share the following information with readers. The following routine sets the ZX-81's I register to 0. As the start of the Z80's dot pattern table is determined by the I register, any CHR\$ PRINTed, followed by RAND USR 16514 will be turned into a meaningless pattern. POKEing 16515,30 will return the characters to normal.

```
HEX
3E 00 LDA 0
ED 47 LD I A
C9 RET
MAIN PROGRAM
PRINT CHR$ 255
RAND USR 16514
PAUSE 4E4
POKE 16515,30
RAND USR 16514
```

**Philip Parker,**  
Whitnash,  
Leamington Spa.



I AM writing in reply to A Horrocks letter in the November issue of *Sinclair Programs*. In all my magazines which contain high resolution graphics the main principles are:

```
28 FAST
29 FOR I=0 TO 112
30 POKE 31744+I,PEEK
(2161+I)
31 NEXT I
32 POKE 31800,63
33 POKE 31857,201
36 SLOW
```

Before you enter this program you must enter POKE 16389,124 NEWLINE followed by NEWLINE. Then dimension an array: DIM A\$(32,256). After you have done this do not use RUN or you will have to start again.

**G Bayliss,**  
Headington, Oxford.

A USEFUL memory-saving statement which I use in my ZX-81 program is PAUSE 4E4. This enables you to PAUSE the program in which it appears for as long as you like, until you press any key on the keyboard. It will then continue the program. This statement saves the two or three lines normally needed to achieve this.

**William Turner,**  
Staunton, Glos.



I WONDER if your readers are aware of the fact that, if they are having trouble using colour TVs as monitors, they can have their TV modified to make it compatible with the computer. I had my TV modified by a local TV shop for £15. I have now found a new life. Games are far more enjoyable, and programming easier when the colours are so clear.

**R M Foss,**  
Manchester.



A SIMPLE way of protecting your secret programs and games from local pirates is to begin an auto-running Spectrum program with the command RAND USR 2000.

This will produce the report TAPE LOADING ERROR on screen. No matter how many times they try to load your secret program, they will always think that it has not loaded correctly.

**June Cameron,**  
Salisbury,  
Wiltshire.



I BELIEVE that I have conquered loading problems on the ZX-81. I have written down my tips.

It is best to use a cassette recorder which has only a volume control and not a tone control.

Leave the volume control at maximum, and do not use the cassette recorder for any other purpose.

Check that the leads are secure.

I believe that this system will successfully LOAD and SAVE programs all the time.

Secondly, although your magazine is one of the better ones on the market, you should have more serious programs.

**Julian Wadden,** aged 13,  
Birchington, Kent.

# EASY GRAPHICS

**W**ORKING steadily through the Sinclair manual provides a sound introduction to Basic but it does mean that readers have to work through user-definable functions and simple trigonometry before reaching the section concerning graphics. This is a pity, for it means encountering some of the more difficult elements of Basic before learning to use the more enjoyable parts.

Graphics on the Spectrum can be divided into two types. There are the graphic symbols which appear on keys one to seven and the user-defined graphics.

Initially, the graphic symbols appear to be the easiest to use. Change to graphics mode by pressing CAPS SHIFT and key nine, then press any of the keys one to seven, and a graphics character will appear on screen immediately. Simple but, unfortunately, not very useful.

Not even the most artistic programmer could hope to produce a good picture on the Spectrum by pressing the graphics keys in various combinations. The only way of producing a good picture is to sit down with some graph paper and design a picture, square by square.

A further problem is that not all combinations of squares can be obtained by simply entering graphics mode.

Take key five, for example; pressing this whilst in graphics mode will produce a square, the right hand side of which is black, and the left hand side of which is white. To produce a square which is the reverse of this, with black on the left and white on the right, it is necessary to hold down the CAPS SHIFT key while you press key five. The resulting character is known as an inverse graphic.

Working out a picture without squared paper can prove very difficult, even when you know it can be done. This is why *Sinclair Programs* sometimes employs graphics instructions when pic-

tures are to be entered. These graphics instructions tell you which keys to press instead of telling you which characters will appear on screen. Each month these graphics instructions are explained on page five.

Combinations of graphics, inverse graphics and the normal character set can be very effective. It is, however, very difficult to move large pictures created in this way, whether you want to move them in one direction or animate them in any way. The best way of using such graphics is as the background for a game.

User-defined graphics allow you to work with the smallest characters on the screen, pixels. These are so small that graphics made up of them appear very clear and precise. The alphabet which the Spectrum prints on screen, for example, consists of twenty-six graphic characters.

To define a graphic it is, once again, necessary to find some graph paper. Characters consist of eight rows of eight pixels, so you will need a square made of 64 smaller squares.

To work out the data you will need to store in the computer's memory, take the horizontal rows one at a time. Write down an eight digit number correspond-

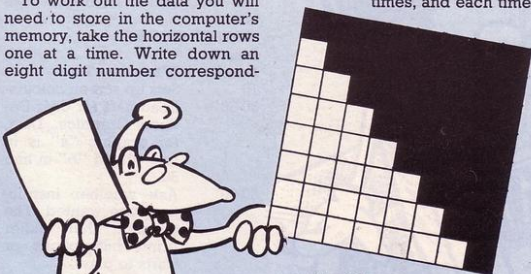
ing to each row, with a figure one corresponding to each filled in square, and a zero corresponding to each blank square. The character in figure one for example, would require the eight numbers 11111111, 01111111, 00111111, 00011111, 00001111, 00000111, 00000011 and 00000001.

These eight numbers can then be treated as binary numbers. They could be given to the computer as such but that would require a lot of space in the listing, and it is very easy to make a mistake when entering long strings of ones and zeros. Instead, convert them from binary to decimal. The eight numbers corresponding to figure one now become 255, 131, 63, 31, 15, 7, 3 and 1.

To use these numbers to form a graphics character, select the character you want to use; graphic A, for example. The following three lines will enter the information for you.

```
10 FOR n=0 TO 7
10 INPUT b: POKE USR "A"+n, b
30 NEXT n
```

The program will pause eight times, and each time



you should type in one of your eight numbers. Changing to graphics mode and pressing A will now produce your user-defined graphic.

To prevent your having to type in figures every time you define a character, these figures are usually stored within data statements.

# Programming - Slow and easy with Computer Sloth



**Matchstick puzzle** is a version of the well known puzzle in which you have to force your opponent to take the last match. Your opponent in this case is the computer. The puzzle starts with thirty matches on the table. Remove either one, two or three matches in your bid to leave one remaining.

Written for the 16K Spectrum by Kwok Hung Tang, aged 12 of Coalville, Leicestershire.

This game uses special graphics characters and you should turn to Page 3 to find out how to enter them. Take care, particularly with the underlined letters a and b. These are not ordinary letters, as they must be entered by pressing a and b in graphics mode.

200-350

computer an equal chance of taking the first turn by testing a random number d (this may be 1 or 2).

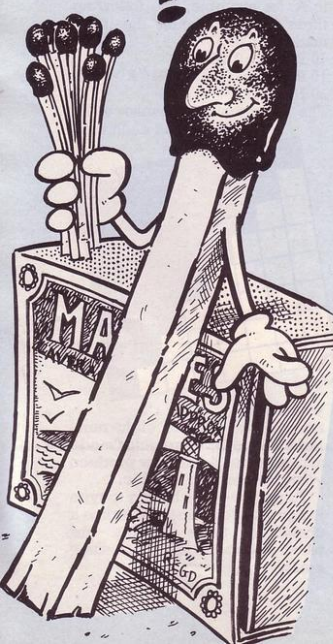
This is the main loop in which the player and computer take turns at taking matches. Lines 200-220 control the player's turn with line

## VARIABLES

A variable is a name given to a location in memory used by a program to store information. As

# MATCHSTICK PUZZLE

??



the value of a variable changes, so the contents of this location are altered. A list of the important variables follows and will help you to understand how "MATCHSTICKS" works:

graphic "a" is the matchstick head

graphic "b" is the matchstick stalk

ms is the number of matchsticks  
t is the number of matchsticks taken

## HOW IT WORKS

### Line

### Numbers What they Do

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| 10      | Sets up screen colours.  |
| 30-50   | Read data for User Defined Graphics. Data, for graphic "a" is in line 40 and "b" in line 50.   |
| 60-90   | Ask whether instructions are wanted. The program then either prints instructions or starts to play.  |
| 100-126 | Print instructions.  |
| 130-180 | Set initial number of matchsticks (ms) to 30. The computer is then sent to the subroutine at Line 1000. At the start of the game this will show 30 matches (with ms=30 and t=0). |
| 190     | Gives either player or   |

200 giving the "LOSE" message if the player ends up with the last match (when ms equals 1). Line 215 ensures that the number of matches taken can only be 1, 2 or 3. Line 220 calls the subroutine at Line 1000 to show matches remaining. Lines 295-350 are for the computer's turns. Line 300, 310 and 320 simply make sure that the computer takes the right number of matches to leave the player with the last. Line 330 means that the computer has been left with the last match and gives the player a "WIN" message. Line 335 is a "dummy" FOR/NEXT loop which simply slows the program down between turns, and creates an illusion of the computer having to think a bit. Line 340 is the big let down because here we discover that the computer has no strategy at all (except for the last few matches —

lines 300-320).

1000-1040 This is the subroutine for printing the number of remaining matches after the screen is cleared. This is done graphically, numerically and on a BEEP count. Yet another delay is put in at line 1035.

You might like to try improving the game by giving the computer a strategy to work with. You need to start with 29 matches (instead of 30) and replace line 340 where the computer starts second.

The idea is quite simple: A player may take 1, 2 or 3 matches at a time. All the computer has to do is to make this up to 4. Then, after 7 turns,  $7 \times 4 = 28$  matches are gone so that it is left to the player (being first to start) to take the last.

```
10 BORDER 7: PAPER 7: INK 0: C
LS
30 RESTORE 1: FOR f=USR "a" TO
USR "b": READ a: POKE f,a: N
EXT f
40 DATA 0,24,60,126,126,126,60
,24
50 DATA 24,24,24,24,24,24,24,2
4
60 PRINT AT 21,0:"Do you want
instructions (y/n)?"
```

```
70 IF INKEY$="n" OR INKEY$
="N" THEN BEEP .5,20: GO TO 130
```

```
80 IF INKEY$="y" OR INKEY$
="Y" THEN BEEP .5,10: GO TO 100
```

```
90 GO TO 70
100 BORDER 3: PAPER 7: INK 0: C
LS
```

```
110 PRINT FLASH 1: AT 0,7:"MAT
CHSTICK PUZZLE!"
```

```
120 PRINT AT 2,0:" The object
of the game is to force the co
mputer to take the last match.T
he most amount of matchsticks y
ou can take at one time is 3,th
e least is 1."
```

```
125 PRINT #1:" Press any ke
y to play": FOR m=0 TO 60: BEEP
.01,m: NEXT m: PAUSE 0
126 FOR m=0 TO 10: BEEP .01,m:
NEXT m
```

```
130 LET ms=30: LET t=0: BORDER
4: PAPER 5: CLS
```

```
180 GO SUB 1000
190 LET d=INT ( RND *2+1): IF
d=2 THEN GO TO 295
```

```
200 IF ms=1 THEN CLS : PRINT
AT 10,8:"You lose (HA HA)": AT 1
1,1:"Press any key for another g
ame": PAUSE 0: RUN
205 PRINT AT 19,11: FLASH 1:"Y
OUR TURN"
```

```
210 INPUT "How many matches do
you want to take?" : t
215 IF t<1 OR t>3 THEN GO TO 2
10
```

```
216 FOR m=1 TO t: BEEP .3,m: NE
XT m
```

```
220 GO SUB 1000
295 PRINT FLASH 1: AT 21,12:"M
y turn"
```

```
300 IF ms=4 THEN LET t=3: GO S
UB 1000: GO TO 200
```

```
310 IF ms=3 THEN LET t=2: GO S
UB 1000: GO TO 200
```

```
320 IF ms=2 THEN LET t=1: GO S
UB 1000: GO TO 200
```

```
330 IF ms=1 THEN CLS : PRINT
```



```
AT 10,8:"You win (Huh)": AT 11,1
```

```
:"Press any key for another game
": PAUSE 0: RUN
```

```
335 FOR w=0 TO 500: NEXT w
340 LET t=INT ( RND *3+1): PRI
```

```
NT AT 20,8:"I take ":"t" matche
s": FOR m=t TO t: BEEP .3,m: NEX
T m: FOR h=0 TO 300: NEXT h: GO
SUB 1000
```

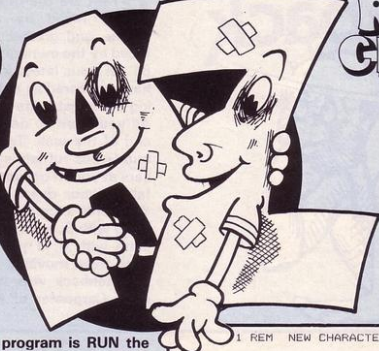
```
350 GO TO 200
1000 LET ms=ms-t: CLS : FOR g=1
```

```
TO ms: PRINT AT 5,g: INK 2:"A":
BEEP .01,g
```

```
1020 PRINT AT 6,g: INK 0:"B": A
T 7,g: INK 0:"C": AT 8,g: INK 0:
"B"
```

```
1030 NEXT g: PRINT AT 0,7: INK
0:"MATCHSTICK PUZZLE!": AT 1,0:"
Matchsticks=:ms
```

```
1035 FOR w=0 TO 200: NEXT w
1040 RETURN
```



## REFORMED CHARACTERS

When the program is RUN the alphabet is displayed in the new style. Once this has finished press NEW and ENTER. Then POKE 23606,88: POKE 23607,251 and ENTER. A basic program can now be LOADED or typed in and any capital letters within the program will appear in the new design.

Reformed Characters was written for the 48K Spectrum by T. Sherwood of West Bromwich, West Midlands.

```
1 REM NEW CHARACTER SET.
```

```
2 REM INSTRUCTIONS :-
LOAD this program from tape then
RUN.
```

```
When display says "FINISHED",
press NEW [ENTER]
```

```
Then POKE 23606,88 :
POKE 23607,251 [ENTER]
```

```
3 REM Now type in or LOAD any
BASIC program. Any capital
letters will be to a different
design.
```

```
9400 CLEAR 64599
9405 PRINT AT 5,9: FLASH 1:" PL
EASE WAIT "
```

```
9410 FOR i=15616 TO 16384
9411 LET j=i+48984
```

```
9415 POKE j, PEEK i: NEXT i
9420 POKE 23606,88: POKE 23607,2
51
```

```
9500 FOR i=64865 TO 65072: READ
j: POKE i,j: NEXT i
```

```
9501 DATA 60,126,102,126,126,102
,102,0,124,126,102,124,102,126,1
24,0,60,126,96,96,96,126,60,12
6,0,124,102,102,102,124,120,0,126
```

```
9502 DATA 126,96,124,96,126,126,
0,126,126,96,124,124,96,96,0,60,
126,96,110,98,126,60,0,102,102,1
02,126,126,102,102,0,126,126,24
```

```
9503 DATA 24,24,126,126,0,6,6,6,
6,102,126,60,0,100,108,104,112,1
20,108,102,0,96,96,96,96,96,126,
126,0,102,126,126,126,102,102
```

```
9504 DATA 102,0,102,118,118,126,
110,110,102,0,60,126,102,102,102
,126,60,0,124,126,102,124,120,96
,96,0,60,126,102,102,118,110
```

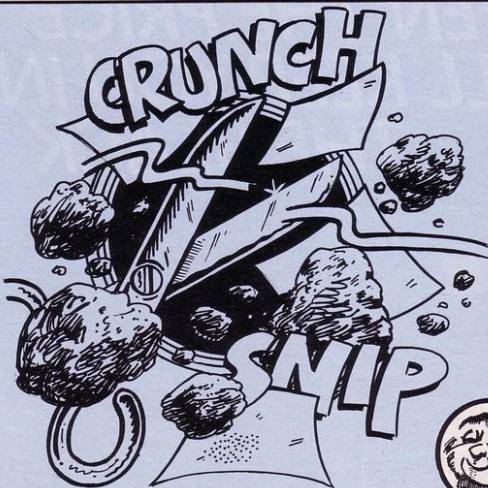
```
9505 DATA 60,0,124,126,102,124,1
08,102,102,0,60,126,96,126,6,126
,60,0
9506 DATA 126,126,24,24,24,24,24
,0,102,102,102,102,102,126,60,0,
102,102,102,102,102,60,24,0,102,
102,102,102,124,134,102,0,102
```

```
9507 DATA 102,60,24,60,102,102,
0,102,102,102,60,24,24,24,0,126,1
26,14,24,112,126,126,0
```

```
9600 PRINT AT 5,9:" FINISHED
"
```

```
9610 PRINT AT 15,2:"ABCDEFGHIJK
LMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"
```





## SCISSORS PAPER ROCK

**C**HALLENGE your 1K ZX-81 to a game of Scissors, Paper, Rock. Select one of these three objects by pressing S, P or R. The computer will also make a choice. Scissors



```

10 LET S=PI-P1
11 LET C=0
12 IF C=0 THEN GOTO 34
13 IF S=0 THEN GOTO 31
14 PRASE 90
15 CLS
16 PRINT "S,P OR R"
17 PRINT "YOU :S"
18 PRINT "HE :C"
19 INPUT A$
20 CLS
21 B=INT (RND*3)+1
22 IF B=1 AND A$="S" THEN GOT
23 IF B=2 AND A$="P" THEN GOT
24 IF B=3 AND A$="R" THEN GOT
25 CLS
26 PRINT "SAME"
27 GOTO 3
28 PRINT "SCISSORS"
29 IF A$="S" THEN LET C=C+1
30 IF A$="R" THEN LET S=S+1
31 GOTO 1
32 PRINT "PAPER"
33 IF A$="S" THEN LET S=S+1
34 IF A$="R" THEN LET C=C+1
35 GOTO 3
36 PRINT "ROCK"
37 IF A$="P" THEN LET C=C+1
38 IF A$="S" THEN LET S=S+1
39 GOTO 3
40 CLS
41 PRINT "YOU WIN"
42 STOP
43 PRINT "I WIN"

```

cut paper, paper wraps rock, and rock blunts scissors. The chooser of the victorious object gains one point. If you both choose the same object no points will be allocated. The winner is the first player with ten points.

To save memory, the value of PI has been used in the first line. Do not enter this letter by letter but select PI on the M key of your computer.

## GUNSLINGER

**Y**OUR '12' shooter gun moves down the right hand side of the screen at speed. A green bottle is placed in a random position at the left of the screen. To break the bottle, press "O" when you think the gun is opposite it. After 12 shots have been taken you will be told how many bottles you broke.

Gunslinga was written for the 16K Spectrum by Paul Williams of Tamworth, Staffs.



```

5 LET b=0
10 BORDER 1: PAPER 1: CLS
20 FOR a=0 TO 7: READ b: POKE
USR "b"+a,b: NEXT a: DATA 24,24
,24,60,60,60,60,60
30 FOR a=0 TO 7: READ b: POKE
USR "a"+a,b: NEXT a: DATA 16,48
,255,255,4,7,0,0
40 FOR a=0 TO 7: READ b: POKE
USR "c"+a,b: NEXT a: DATA 16,48
,240,224,224,224,224,64
50 FOR g=1 TO 12
55 LET b=INT (RND *18)+2
60 INK 4: PRINT AT b,2;"B"
70 LET c=0
80 INK 5: PRINT AT c,28;"AC"
95 INK 1: PRINT AT c-1,28;"
"; AT 21,28;" "
87 BEEP .01,0
90 IF C>20 THEN LET C=0

```

```

100 LET c=c+1
120 IF INKEY$="O" THEN GO TO
200
130 GO TO 80
200 BEEP .08,-25
210 FOR m=26 TO 2 STEP -1
220 INK 7: PRINT AT c-1,m;"."
230 INK 1: PRINT AT c-1,m+1;" "
230 IF c-1=b THEN LET a$="HIT"
235 IF c-1=b THEN LET s=s+1
240 IF c-1 <> b THEN LET a$="M
ISS"
250 NEXT m
260 FLASH 1: INK 2: PAPER 6: PR
INT AT c-1,0;a$: PAPER 1: FLASH
0
265 BEEP .2,-30
270 FOR t=1 TO 125: NEXT t
290 CLS: NEXT g
300 PAPER 6: BORDER 6: INK 0: C
LS: PRINT " Okay Gunsling

```

```

ger"
310 INK 2: PRINT : PRINT : PRIN
T : PRINT : PRINT "You managed t
o shoot ya self a score of ":
INK 1: FLASH 1: PRINT s/25;" FL
ASH 0: INK 2: PRINT " out of 12
of them": INK 4: PRINT "GREEN ":
: INK 2: PRINT "bottles."
320 PRINT : PRINT : INK 3: PRIN
T "Press "O" to go shooting ag
ain."
324 LET p=29
325 INK 0: PRINT AT 19,p;"AC "
: PRINT AT 19,0;" ": LET p=p-1
: BEEP .005,0: FOR t=1 TO 8: NEX
T t: IF p<0 THEN LET p=29
330 IF INKEY$="O" THEN BORDE
R 1: PAPER 1: LET s=0: CLS: GO
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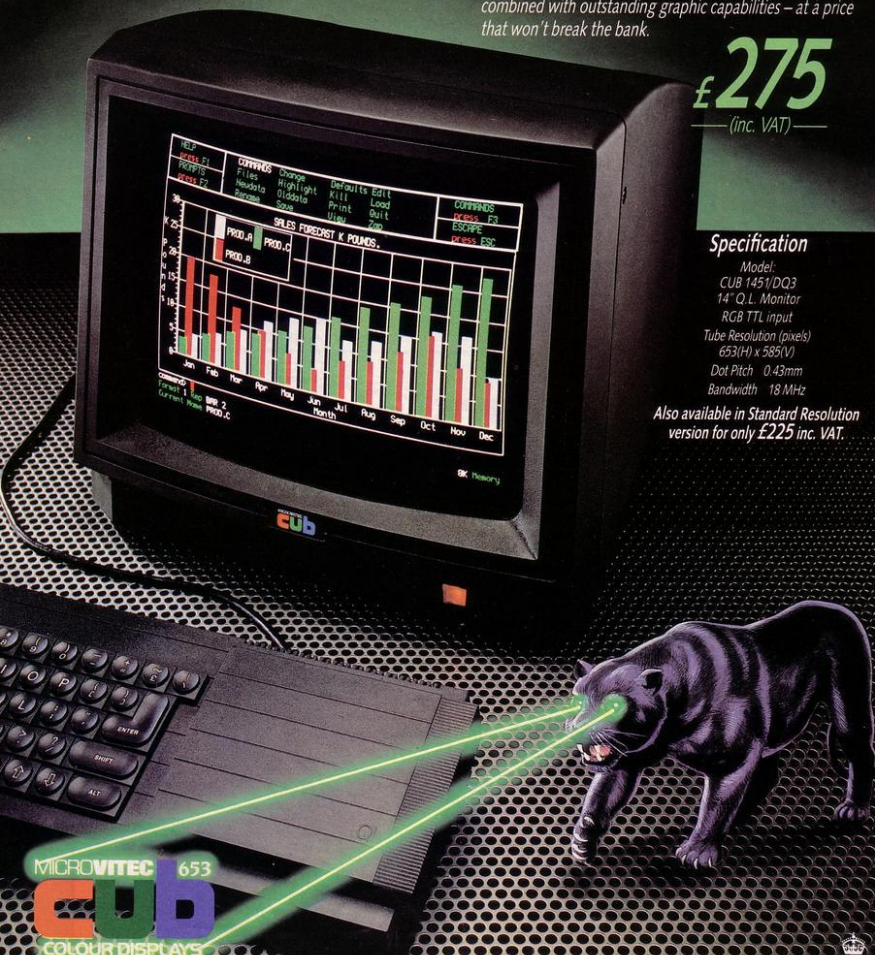
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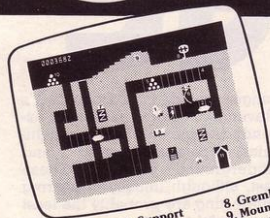


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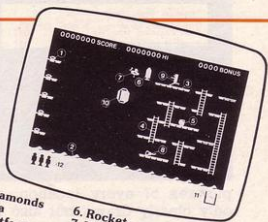
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# DOOMDARK'S REVENGE

**L**AST year, adventure enthusiasts reeled when they encountered the **Lords of Midnight**. A combination of adventure, quest and wargame, the game was remarkable in that it featured 4000 locations from which a total of 32 000 different views could be seen. Detailed

be won over by your skill and prowess.

There is no one aim to the game which can be described in detail. The situation is that Morkin, hero of the **Lords of Midnight**, has been captured by the evil Shareth, Queen of the Icemark. His lover, Tarithel, has ridden into the Icemark to save him and behind her follow Luxor the Moonprince, Morkin's father; his trusted adviser Rorthron the Wise and Luxor's army. The most basic victory which can be won is the saving of Morkin. To win this victory, both Luxor and Morkin must return to the Gate of Varenorn, where Luxor began the game.

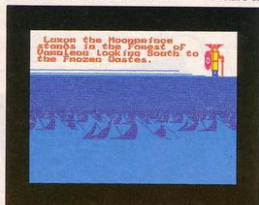
More major victories can be won by returning other major characters, spoils of war, or any of the arcane objects on which Shareth's power depends to the gate. If, by any chance, Morkin is killed, the only way in which the game can be won is to defeat Shareth in battle.

Those used to the views in the **Lords of Midnight** will be impressed by the even greater

range provided in **Doomdark's Revenge**. Features have been extended to include huts and fountains, palaces, gates and underground passages. These last, although initially appearing interesting are probably the least successful of the new features. Underground passages wind for miles across the Icemark, the view within them is unchanging, and the flickering torches, although initially striking, become boring after a week or so spent underground.

Another feature of the game is the mist which spreads across the countryside, obscuring the view. Although features can be made out through the mist it is possible, for example, to stand one move away from a major fortress without being able to see it. Other changes in the landscape are the continually moving characters and armies, all of which appear clearly on screen.

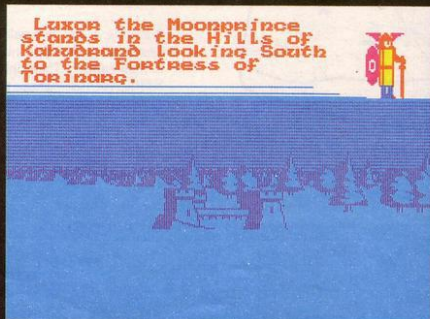
The range of characters is much broader than it was in the **Lords of Midnight**, and the strangeness of the surroundings



pictures of every location, not only clearly drawn but also extremely helpful; such a thing had not been seen on the Spectrum before.

Within a matter of months Beyond software had brought out the sequel, **Doomdark's Revenge**. Incredibly, they have managed to surpass their first success, producing a program with 48 000 screens, 123 different characters and 128 treasures to be found. Despite the fact that beyond Software, and the publishers of **Sinclair Programs** are sister companies it is easy to declare without fear of being accused of bias, that **Doomdark's Revenge** is the best new program on the market at the moment, and one of the best Spectrum programs ever produced.

The story starts where the **Lords of Midnight** finished. The land of **Midnight** is left far behind, and your characters move into the hostile land of the Icemark where, although there are many lords and many armies, none are your natural allies, and all must



Tarithel the Fey stands  
in the Forest of Fangrim  
looking North.



means that none can be identified from the first as definitely good or definitely bad. Luxor enters the Ice-mark in the land of the Barbarians, which means that three or four Barbarian chiefs and their armies can be found within one or two day's ride. Luxor will find it relatively easy early in the game to recruit Barbarians, but this can only be done at a certain cost, for making alliances with one group means making enemies of their enemies. It may prove better to ride out of Barbarian country and recruit Ice Lords or dwarves, or giants.

As the game progresses, recruitment patterns change. In all cases, whenever you approach a commander you may not be able to win him to your side. Approaching commanders must therefore be done with care, for finding yourself in the camp of a strong hostile army after nightfall will often prove fatal.

Characters' feelings about you will change depending on whom you befriend, and which armies you fight. It is well to be aware of exactly where your allies' loyalties lie. Some characters, even though they have been recruited by you, will still remain loyal to another commander. Others will judge you by your prowess in battle, and will ignore you if your army is small, or if you have engaged in no battles.

Most worrying of all, once you have recruited a character there is no reason to believe that he will henceforth prove unwaveringly loyal. If your side is doing badly,

and another commander approaches with a better offer, you have every reason to suspect that your allies will leave in the night, or even turn on their friends and kill you during the night.

The options open to players



have, like every other aspect of adventure, been extended in Doomdark's Revenge. Decisions are still made by single key entry, but the range of choices is much wider than it was in the past. There is the possibility of changing persona from that of one loyal commander to the next. Once a persona has been adopted, that character's army can be reviewed, as can the armies of allies and of those occupying the same area. The area in which the character is standing can be checked, as can the outcome of any battle fought the previous night. It is also interesting to check your persona's own character. Unlike in the Lords of Midnight, where Luxor's allies tended to be utterly brave, noble and strong, in Doomdark's Revenge you often find yourself fighting alongside commanders who are cowardly, mean and

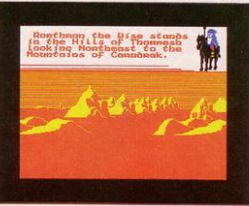
greedy.

When each of your characters has completed their moves for the day the NIGHT key is pressed, and it is at this time that events controlled by the computer program take place. This results in the strange circumstance that all battles are fought by night, and that everyone, except the characters controlled by the player, moves around at night. It seems hardly surprising that troops seem almost invariably to be slightly tired.

The complexity of the game is, strangely enough, its only stumbling point. The map which accompanies the game is pitifully inaccurate, giving you the impression of leading thousands of troops round in circles unless you keep very careful notes concerning your movements. Careful notes are, in fact, essential to every section of this game. Notes of the characters you control, who they are, who they like, to whom they are loyal. Notes on where you last saw characters, notes on where you are, notes on where your allies are, notes on the advice you have been given.

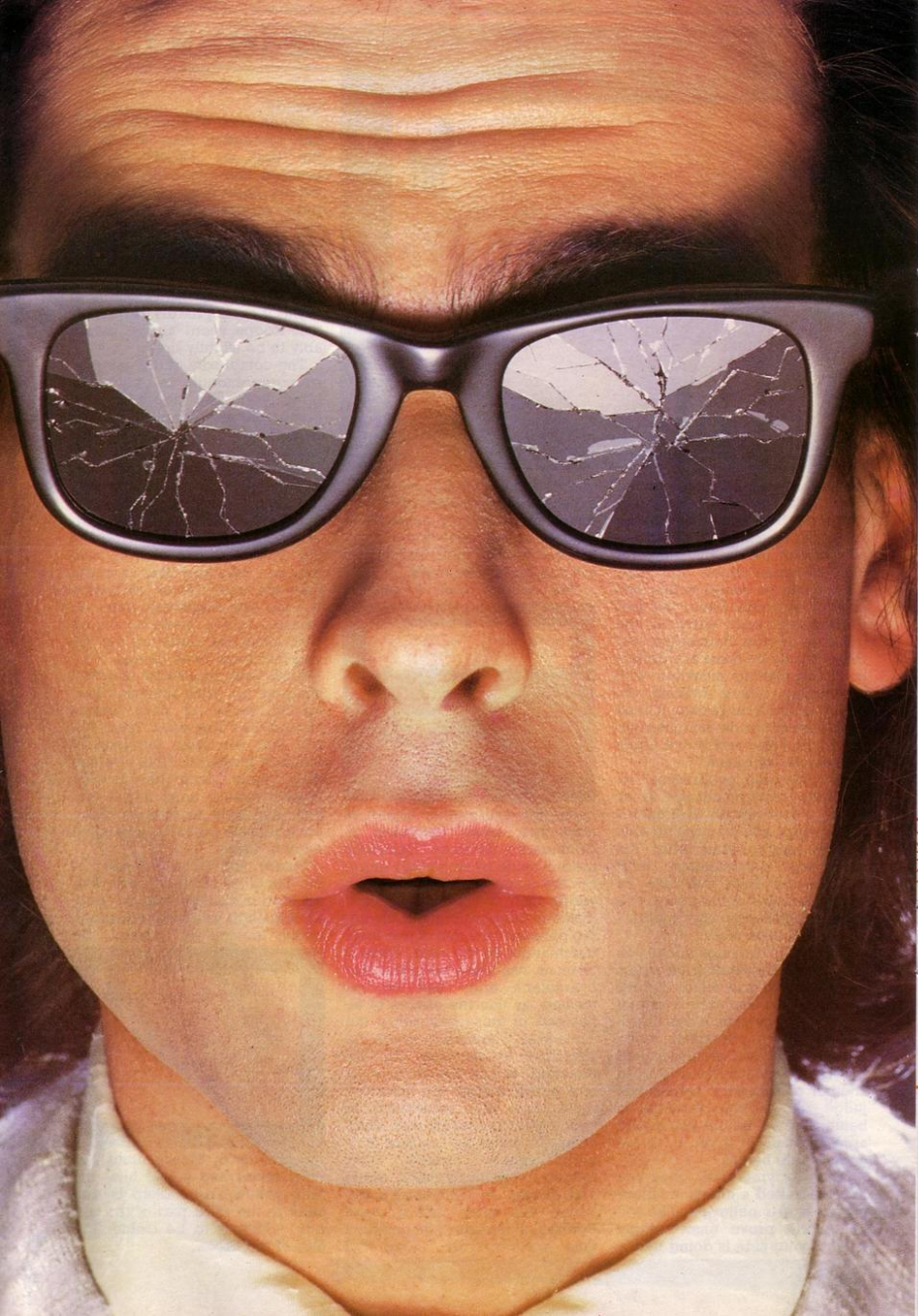
Keep your paperwork in order, sharpen up your memory and, ideally, invite all your friends around for a few days. Then you will feel you have the land of Ice-mark mastered. Until you can do all these things, the quest for Morkin should loom large, and you may have to relegate Shar-eth's ultimate defeat to some time early in 1986.

Finally, for those devotees of the Lords of Midnight who fear for Morkin's safety, fear no longer. Although you have no opportunity to see or control the



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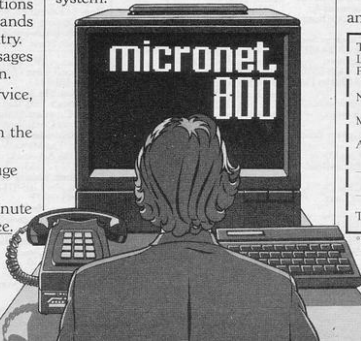
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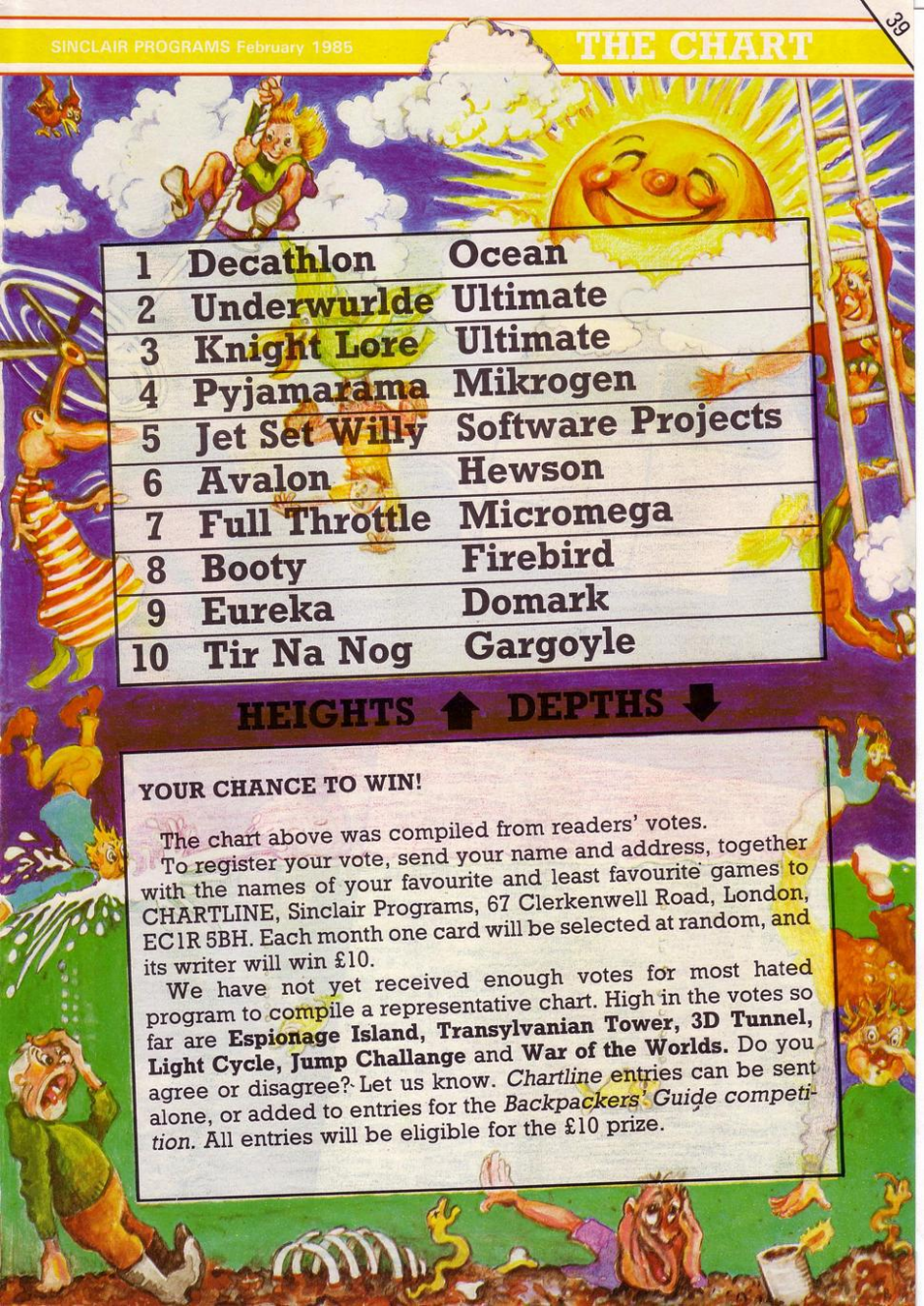
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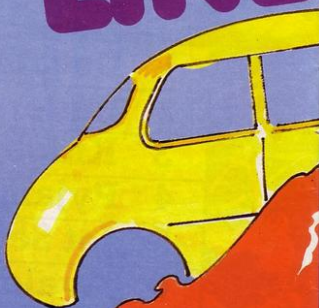
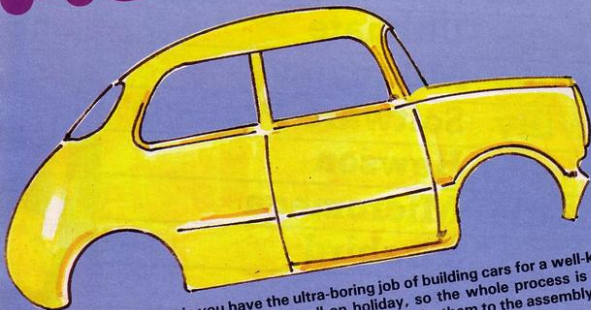
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**A**s Bert the mechanic you have the ultra-boring job of building cars for a well-known manufacturer. Your colleagues are all on holiday, so the whole process is left to you. Collect the body panels from the store below and take them to the assembly ramp, taking care to avoid the runaway tyres.

Type in the BASIC program and SAVE using line 9999, then type RANDOMIZE USR 0. Enter the second listing, which will redefine the character set and produce the code for the UDGs. SAVE the second listing directly after first, rewind the tape and type LOAD "".

Assembly Line was written for the 48K Spectrum by Ian Howlett of Portsmouth.

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5 REM BY IAN HOWLETT 1984
10 PAPER 0: INK 0: BORDER 0: C
LEAR 60000: LOAD "" CODE: GO SU
B 9000
20 POKE 23658,8: POKE 23606,88
: POKE 23607,251: INK 7: BRIGHT
1: CLS: PRINT #1: AT 1,4: BRIGHT
1: "PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE": L
ET CD=0: PRINT AT 0,3:"A S S E
M B L Y   L I N E"
30 PRINT AT 4,10: INK 1: BRIG
HT 1: ">": AT 5,10: "/":
40 PRINT AT 8,10: INK 2: " % "
: AT 9,10: " (": AT 10,10: ") "<
50 PRINT AT 5,16: FLASH 1:"KE
YBOARD": AT 5,5: FLASH 0:"1"
60 PRINT AT 9,16:"KEMPSTON":
AT 9,5:"2"
70 PRINT AT 13,12:"INSTRUCTIO
NS": AT 13,5:"3"
80 IF INKEY#=""1" THEN LET C
D=0: PRINT AT 5,16: FLASH 1:"KE
YBOARD": PRINT AT 9,16: FLASH 0
:"KEMPSTON"
90 IF INKEY#=""2" THEN LET C
D=1: PRINT AT 9,16: FLASH 1:"KE
MPSTON": AT 5,16: FLASH 0:"KEYBO
ARD"
100 IF INKEY#=""3" THEN GO TO
160
120 GO SUB 5500: CLS
160 GO SUB 5500: CLS
170 LET I$="" YOUR NAME IS BERT
AND YOU HAVE THE ULTRA BORING JO
B OF BUILDING BRITISH LEYLAND MIN
IS. ALL THE OTHER WORKERS ARE O
N STRIKE AND TO MAKE THE JOB EVE
N WORSE ARE THE RUN AWAY TYRES
WHICH MUST BE AVOIDED."
180 LET I$=I$+"
YOU MUST TAKE BODY PANELS
FROM THE STORE BELOW TO THE ASSE
MBLY RAMP AND BUILD THE CAR THER
E. YOU ONLY HAVE THREE LIVES
SO BE CAREFUL!!"
185 LET I$=I$+"
YOU WILL LOSE A LIFE IF YOU
RUNOUT OF TIME OR IF THE TYRES
HIT YOU.
ON COMPLETING A CAR YOU WILL
L BE REWARDED WITH POINTS AND MOR
E TIME:
USE KEYS Q,A,O,P TO MOVE MA
N!"
190 PRINT AT 0,4:"I N S T R U
C T I O N S": PRINT
200 FOR N=1 TO LEN I$-2 STEP 6
: PRINT INK ( RND *4)+3:I$(N TO
N+5): NEXT N
210 PRINT #1: AT 1,4: BRIGHT 1:
"P R E S S   A N Y   K E Y "
220 PAUSE 0
230 GO SUB 5500: GO TO 20
300 BRIGHT 1: GO SUB 5500: CLS
310 PRINT AT 0,2:"T A B L E 0
F   H O N O U R"
320 LET X=3: FOR N=1 TO 10: PRI
NT AT X,5: INK ( RND *4)+3:A$(N
N): LET X=X+2: NEXT N
330 FOR N=3 TO 21 STEP 2: PRINT
AT N,18:"000000000": NEXT N: LE
T X=3: FOR N=1 TO 10: PRINT AT
X,26: LEN STR$(S(N)):S(N): LET X
=X+2: NEXT N

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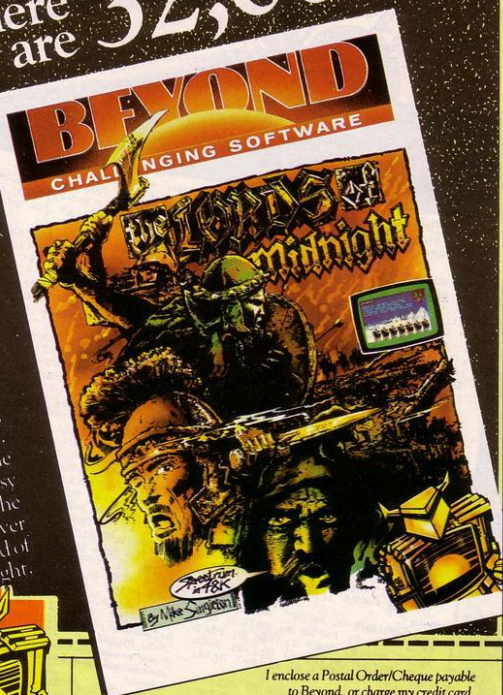
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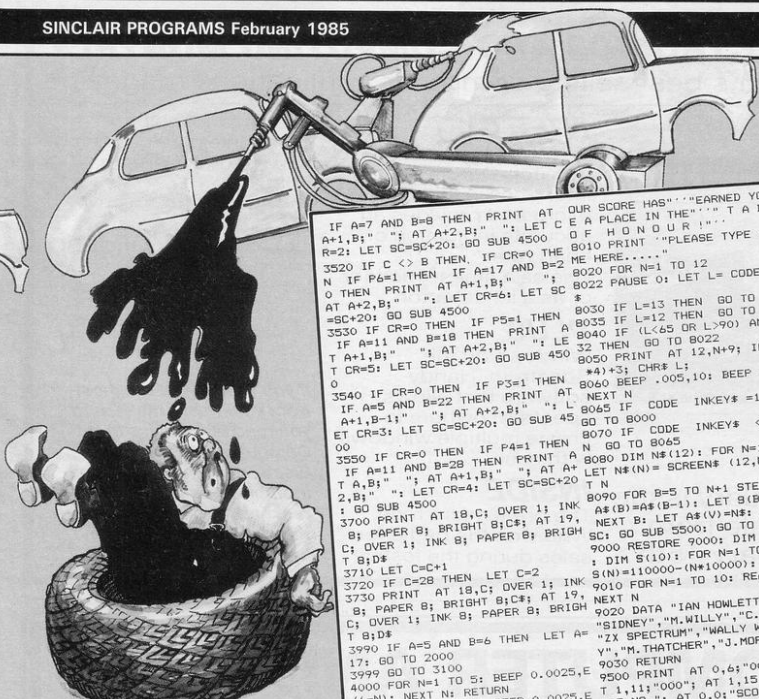
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NEXT N
3006 FOR N=9 TO 10: PRINT AT N,
3010 " " : NEXT N
3020 FOR N=4 TO 21: PRINT AT N,
0: INK 2: PAPER 6: "w": AT N,30:
"ww": NEXT N
3021 FOR N=4 TO 19: PRINT AT N,
6: INK 4: "xy": NEXT N
3030 FOR N=20 TO 21: PRINT AT N
0: INK 2: PAPER 6: "ww": NEXT N
3040 PRINT AT 14,14: INK 2: PAP
ER 6: "ww": AT 14,24: "ww":
": 15,14: "ww": AT 15,24:
": 15,14: "ww": AT 16,24: "w
AT N,16: INK 4: "xy": AT N,26: "x
y": AT N-6,26: "xy": NEXT N
3045 FOR N=8 TO 9: PRINT AT N,2
1: INK 2: PAPER 6: "ww": NEXT
N
3050 IF P1=1 THEN PRINT AT 18,
2: INK 5: "ra": AT 19,2: "f(19,3)
3051 IF P2=1 THEN PRINT AT 8,8
: INK 5: "bc": AT 9,8: "gh"
3052 IF P3=1 THEN PRINT AT 6,2
2: INK 5: "de": AT 7,22: "f(9,3)
3053 IF P4=1 THEN PRINT AT 11,
28: INK 5: "jk": AT 12,28: "pq": A
T 13,28: "v"
3054 IF P5=1 THEN PRINT AT 12,
18: INK 5: "f(9)0": AT 13,19: "u"
3055 IF P6=1 THEN PRINT AT 18,
20: INK 5: "1mn(f(9))": AT 19,21: "
st"
3099 BRIGHT 1: GO SUB 9500
3100 GO SUB 1000
3150 IF CR=0 THEN IF P1=1 THEN
IF A=17 AND B=2 THEN PRINT AT
A+1,B: "1": AT A+2,B: "1": LET
CR=0: IF SC=SC+20: GO SUB 4500
CR=0: IF CR=0 THEN IF P2=1 THEN

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OUR SCORE HAS""EARNED YOUR NAM
E A PLACE IN THE""TABLE LE
O F H O N O U R ""
M010 PRINT "PLEASE TYP E YOUR NA
BER HERE...."
8020 FOR N=1 TO 12
8022 PAUSE 0: LET L= CODE INKEY
0
8030 IF L=13 THEN GO TO 8070
8035 IF L=12 THEN GO TO 8000
8040 IF (<L<65 OR L>90) AND L <>
32 THEN GO TO 8022
8050 PRINT AT 12,N+9; INK ( RND
0.5) CHR$ L:
8060 BEEP .005,10: BEEP .005,20:
NEXT N
8065 IF CODE INKEY$ =12 THEN
GO TO 8000
8070 IF L=
8075 GO TO 8065
N080 DIM N$(12): FOR N=1 TO 12:
LET N$(N)= SCREEN$ (12,N+9): NEX
T N
8090 FOR B=5 TO N+1 STEP -1: LET
A$(B)=A$(B-1)+LET S(V)=
NEXT B: LET S(5000)=GO TO 20
SC: GO RESTORE 9000: DIM A$(10,12)
9000 RESTORE 9000: DIM S(10,12)
: DIM S(10,12): FOR N=1 TO 12: LET
S(N)=110000-(N*10000): NEXT N
9010 FOR N=1 TO 10: READ A$(N):
NEXT N
9020 DATA "IN HOWLETT","EDDIE",
"SIDNEY","M.WILLY","C.SINCLAIR",
"ZIX SPECTRUM","WALLY WEEK","NOSE
Y","M. THATCHER","J.MORTIMER"
9030 RETURN
9500 PRINT AT 0,6;"00000000": A
T 1,1;"000": AT 1,5;"HOLDING P
ART NO.": AT 0,0;"SCORE": AT 1,
0;"CAR$ BUILD": AT 1,14; AT 0,1
5;"LIVES": AT 2,0;"TIME":
9510 RECALL: LET X$="ASSEMBLY":
9999 CLEAR: LET X$=VALUE X$ LIN
E 1: VERIFY """: GO SUB 9000: GO
TO 20

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### 2nd Listing

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2nd Listing
5 CLEAR 64000: PRINT "THIS PR
PROGRAM WILL POKE IN ALL THE MAC
HINE CODE USED IN THE GAME...
...
10 PRINT "POKING IN CLS DATA
20 RESTORE 20: LET T=0: FOR N=
64000 TO 64010: READ A: POKE N,A
30 THEN GOTO NEXT N: IF T < 149
40 THEN GO TO 9000: DATA 33,0,64
1,0,2,24,203,6,2,03,134,35,11,120,
177,32,246,201
50 PRINT "POKING IN COLOUR DAT
...
30 RESTORE 40: LET T=0: FOR N=
64100 TO 64125: READ A: POKE N,A
40 THEN GOTO NEXT N: IF T < 282
50 THEN GO TO 9000: DATA 33,0,88
1,1,3,0,126,198,11,9,7,95,126,19
8,8,230,56,131,119,35,16,240,13,
32,237,201
50 PRINT "POKING IN SOUND DATA
...
30 RESTORE 60: LET T=0: FOR N=
64200 TO 64225: READ A: POKE N,A
40 THEN GOTO NEXT N: IF T < 314
50 THEN GO TO 9000: DATA 243,17,
16,208,38,10,58,72,92,31,31,31,3
4,254,238,16,237,121,67,16,254,3

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# Sausage Server



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5 POKE 23658,8: INK 6: PAPER
0: BORDER 0: CLS
6 LET L=2000
10 GO SUB 8000
50 LET Y=16: LET T=0: LET S=0

60 GO SUB 7990
70 GO SUB 3000
150 LET D=INT (RND *16)+5
200 FOR N=5 TO 18 STEP .5
210 LET T=T+1
220 IF T>L THEN GO TO 6000
250 PRINT AT N,D,"AB": AT N-1,
D: "
270 PRINT AT 18,Y-1: "CDE "
300 LET Y=Y+1: INKEY$="P" AND Y
<27>-1: INKEY$="D" AND Y>5)
400 NEXT N
410 IF D=Y THEN LET S=S+1: PRI
NT AT 0,10:"SAUSAGES:"S
415 IF D <> Y THEN PRINT AT 1
8,D: "
450 IF S<20 THEN GO TO 130
500 GO SUB 7990
505 GO SUB 3000
510 LET H=20: LET Y=16: LET S=0

520 PLOT 20,20: DRAW 6,0,4,5: D
RAW 0,150: DRAW -6,0,1: DRAW 0,-
150
540 PRINT AT 14,10: INK 4:"EEEE
EEEEEE"
550 LET D=INT (RND *10)+10
600 LET Y=Y+1: INKEY$="P" AND Y
(27)-1: INKEY$="D" AND Y>5)
610 PRINT AT 12,Y-1: "CDE "
630 LET T=T+1: IF T>L THEN GO
TO 6000
640 IF H=165 THEN GO TO 900
650 IF INT (RND *15)<1 THEN
PRINT AT 14,D: INK 4:"EE": GO T
O 550
670 PRINT AT 14,D: INK 2:"FE"

680 IF D=Y THEN LET H=H+1: BEE
P .003,H/5: PLOT 23,H
700 GO TO 570
900 GO SUB 7990
905 GO SUB 3000
910 LET X=4: LET C=10: LET D=1:
LET R=0
1000 LET C=C+D
1001 IF D=1 AND C>24 THEN LET D
=-1
1002 IF D=-1 AND C<7 THEN LET D
=1
1010 PRINT AT 14,C-1: "CD "
1100 IF INKEY$="Z" AND R=0: THE
N LET R=1: LET X=4
1110 IF R=1 THEN LET X=X+1: IF
X=14 AND C=15 OR X=14 AND C+1=15
OR X=14 AND C=15 THEN LET S=
S+1: PRINT AT X-1,15: "
LET R=0: BEEP .01,30: LET X=4: PRINT
AT 2,10:"SAUSAGES:"S
1120 PRINT AT X,15:"AB": AT X-1
,15: "
1130 IF X>19 THEN LET R=0: PRIN
T AT X,15: " " LET X=4
1150 IF S=20 THEN GO TO 2000
1170 LET T=T+1: IF T>L THEN GO
TO 6000
1200 GO TO 950
2000 FOR N=1 TO 10: BEEP .2,N-3:
BEEP .2,N-10: BEEP .2,N-6: NEXT
N: CLS: PRINT "THAT'S ONE SATI
SFIED CUSTOMER OUT OF THE WAY

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**Y**ou have just opened a snack bar and your first customer has ordered twenty sausages. There are three cooking stages to complete before the sausages are ready. The three stages involve catching the sausages in a frying pan, heating them up and dropping them onto the moving plate. Remember, if you take too long your customer will leave.

Sausage Server was written for the 16K Spectrum by John Lonsdale of West Ferry, Dundee.

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...""BUT ANOTHER HAS JUST COME
IN AND HAS ALSO ORDERED 20 SAUSA
GES ! YOU WILL HAVE TO GO MORE
QUICKLY IF YOU WANT TO PLEASE THI
S ONE!!": FOR N=1 TO 400: NEXT N
: LET L=L-100: CLS: GO TO 50
3000 PLOT 0,0: DRAW 0,175: DRAW
255,0: DRAW 0,-175: DRAW -255,0:
RETURN

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6000 CLS: PRINT AT 10,10: FLASH
H 1:"GAME OVER": AT 20,6: FLASH
B:"YOU RAN OUT OF TIME"
6010 FOR N=30 TO -20 STEP -3: BE
EP .1,N: BEEP .1,N+1: NEXT N: RU
N
7990 CLS: PRINT AT 10,10:"GET
READY": FOR I=1 TO 3: PAUSE 5: B
EEP .3,30: NEXT N: CLS: RETURN

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8000 FOR N=USR "a" TO USR "F"+
7: READ a: POKE N,a: NEXT N: RES
TORE 9100

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8100 PRINT AT 0,8:"SAUSAGE SER
VER": AT 2,9:"BY J.LONSDALE"
8110 PRINT AT 4,0:"YOU HAVE JUS
T OPENED A SNACK BAR AND YOU FIR
ST CUSTOMER HAS

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SAUSAGES. TO PREPARE HIS DINNER Y
OU MUST COMPLETE EACH OF THE
3 COOKING STAGES!

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8120 PRINT AT 10,0:"STAGE 1: C
ATCH THE SAUSAGES
N YOU FRYING PAN"

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8130 PRINT "STAGE 2: HEAT THE
SAUSAGES ON
EATING BLOCKS"

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8140 PRINT "STAGE 3: DROP THE
SAUSAGES ONTO
THE MOVIN
G PLATE INTO

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8150 PRINT "REMEMBER THAT IF YO
U ARE NOT QUICK YOUR CUSTOMER
WILL BECOME ANGRY AND GO TO AND
THER BAR!"

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8160 PRINT #1: " RIGHT~P~ LEFT~
D~ DROP~Z~"
8300 READ a: IF a=99 THEN RESTO
RE 9100: PAUSE 500: GO TO 8300

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8305 IF INKEY$="CHR$13 THEN
RESTORE 9100: CLS: RETURN
8310 IF a>100 THEN LET a=a-100:
BEEP .2,a: GO TO 8300
8320 IF a>50 AND a<100 THEN LET
a=a-50: BEEP .4,a: GO TO 8300

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8330 BEEP .1,a
8350 GO TO 8300
9000 DATA 0,64,224,206,63,63,31,
15
9005 DATA 0,0,6,63,255,254,252,2
48
9010 DATA 0,0,0,128,192,127,63,0

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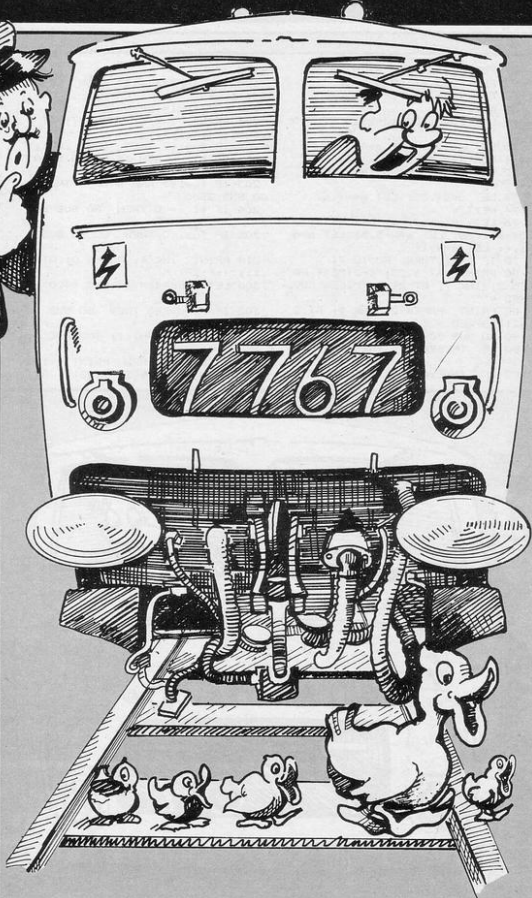
9015 DATA 0,0,0,1,3,254,252,0
9020 DATA 0,0,3,62,240,128,0,0

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9030 DATA 0,0,0,255,255,255,0,0
9100 DATA 0,0,104,104,104,104,4,
5,57,105,105,102,102,57,57
9110 DATA 104,104,104,104,104,4,
5,57,105,105,104,104,50,99
9199 SAVE "SOS SERVER" LINE 1: P
RINT "REWIND TAPE:SWAP LEADS""P
RESS PLAY TO VERIFY: VERIFY ""
PRINT FLASH 1:"OK": PAUSE 100:
RUN

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55 LET J=182

# TRAIN SIMULATION

Train Simulation was written for the 16K Spectrum by Steve and Marc Sherratt of Newquay, Cornwall.

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56 FOR x=135 TO 0 STEP -2
57 PLOT 255,x: DRAW -3,0
58 LET j=j-.55
59 NEXT x
60 LET z=15: LET d=25: LET e=0

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70 LET w=120: LET q=4
71 FOR x=z TO d
72 PLOT q,x: DRAW INK 1,w,0

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73 LET q=q+.35: LET w=w-.67
74 NEXT x
75 LET z=(z+16)-e: LET d=(d+15)
76 LET x=e+1
77 IF e<11 THEN GO TO 71

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80 PRINT AT 1,23;"<-TIME"; PA
PER 2: INK 7: AT 21,0;"MILES COV
ERED ="

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82 PRINT PAPER 2: INK 7: AT 2
1,21;"SPEED ="

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90 GO SUB 7000
100 IF INKEY$="" THEN LET a=
-3
102 IF INKEY$="0" THEN LET a

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=3.5
104 IF INKEY$="1" THEN LET a
=-1.6
200 LET fuel=fuel-.1
201 PRINT INK 2: PAPER 7: AT 0
,fuel;"(i<i-)"

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202 IF fuel<7 THEN BEEP .001,f
uel: PRINT FLASH 1: PAPER 5: AT
0,19;"STOP FOR FUEL"

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203 IF fuel<7 AND s <= 0 THEN
GO SUB 2500
204 IF t1 < 0 THEN GO SUB 805
0
205 IF fuel<0 THEN GO TO 8050

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210 PRINT INK 4: PAPER 0: AT 1
,t1;"(i<i-)"
300 LET rand= INT ( RND *400)

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302 IF rand>385 THEN GO SUB 70
00
389 PRINT BRIGHT 1: INVERSE 1:
AT 10,0;z(n)

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395 IF s>z(n) THEN PRINT : INK
6: FLASH 1: AT 9,1;"(ig8)" AT

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7,1: PAPER 0: " ": LET w=w+1: BEE
P .006,50
396 IF s>z(n) THEN PRINT BRIG
HT 1: INK 4: AT 7,1;"(ig8)": AT
9,1: PAPER 0: " "

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397 IF fuel<7 THEN PRINT INK
2: FLASH 1: AT 9,1;"(ig8)"
399 IF s>z(n) THEN LET miles=m
iles+.2

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400 PRINT PAPER 2: INK 7: AT 2
1,16: INT miles
401 LET miles=miles+.002*s/100

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403 IF w>10 THEN GO SUB 7045

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1000 LET t1=t1-.05: LET s=s+.2+a

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1010 IF s<0 THEN LET s=0
1050 PRINT PAPER 2: INK 7: AT 2
1,29: INT s

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1051 IF s<100 THEN PRINT PAPER
2: AT 21,31: " "
1052 IF s<10 THEN PRINT PAPER
2: AT 21,30: " "

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1060 BEEP .01,s/3
2000 GO TO 100
2500 PRINT PAPER 7: AT 0,19;"
": OVER 0: AT 15,15;"

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REFUELING": LET fuel=20-b: FOR t
=0 TO fuel: PRINT AT 0,t: INK 7
: PAPER 1:"A": BEEP .2,8: NEXT t
: PRINT AT 15,15: " "

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LET b=b+.3: PRINT PAPER 4: AT 0,2
5:"FUEL": LET s=4: RETURN
7000 LET n= INT ( RND *4)+1
7010 BEEP .7,10: BEEP .7,5: LET
w=0

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7020 RETURN
7045 LET penalty=miles/10
7050 LET miles=miles-penalty
7053 IF s<10 THEN PRINT INK 2:
AT 21,30;"(ig8)"

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7054 IF s<100 THEN PRINT INK 2
: AT 21,31;"(ig8)"
7055 PRINT INK 2: FLASH 1: AT 9
,1;"(ig8)": PRINT AT 15,15;"DER
AILED": BEEP .1,s/10: PRINT AT
15,15: " "

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```

: PAPER 2: INK 7
: AT 21,29: INT s: BEEP .05,s/10
: LET s=s-3
7056 IF s>0 THEN GO TO 7053
7057 PRINT INK 2: AT 21,29;"(3*
ig8)"

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7050 LET w=0
7063 BEEP 1.5,43
7065 GO TO 100
8050 CLS: PRINT AT 10,7;"YOU C
OVERED ": INT miles: miles "
8052 PRINT AT 0,9;"TRAIN DRIVER
"

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8053 IF miles >= high THEN LET
high=miles: BEEP 2,7
8056 PRINT AT 12,3;"TODAYS FURT
HEST ": INT high: miles"
8060 PRINT FLASH 1: AT 16,9;"PR
ESS S TO PLAY"

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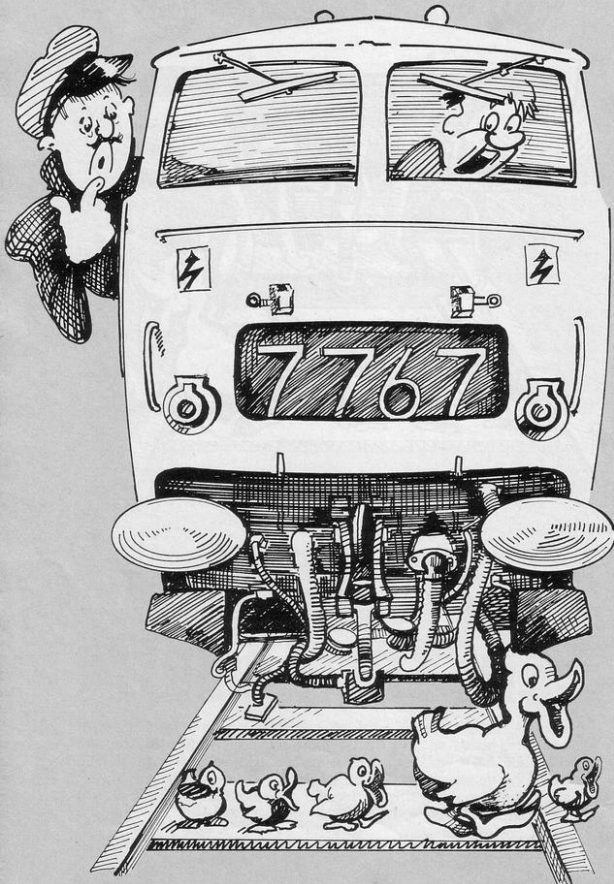
8070 IF INKEY$="s" THEN CLS :
GO TO 4
8080 GO TO 8070
9100 FOR a= USR "A" TO USR "A"+
7

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9110 READ b
9120 POKE a,b
9121 NEXT a
9125 RETURN
9130 DATA 255,255,0,0,0,0,255,25
5

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## Dear Diary

I suppose that the likeliest person to read this Diary is some scholar of the future engaged in writing my Life Story. Sometimes it occurs to me that you (if I may address you directly, sir) might somehow have the idea that I don't know much about programming.

THIS IS NOT TRUE.

To prove it, I decided to start a week early and write this month's problem page for Sinclair Programs without any interference from my obnoxious little sister Eustacia. In fact, it was the sight of Eustacia walking home across the park which gave me my subject — I decided to write a minefield program.

It was easy, sir. I hid 20 mines at random X, Y co-ordinates across the screen, holding the values of X and Y in the two arrays XM(20) and YM(20). Eustacia, under control of the cursor keys, had to wander across the screen and be blown up. The routine for checking her position against the position of the mines was

```
10 FOR N = 1 TO 20
20 IF (X = XM(N) AND Y = YM(N)) THEN GOSUB 100
30 NEXT N
```

The GOSUB 100 bit, of course, takes you to the explosion routine. In fact, I was just starting to tackle the difficult problem (for most people, sir) of getting a really satisfying sound for this explosion when I noticed that Eustacia was remarkably slow at deciding whether or not she'd stood on a mine.

I thought about this for several days. Today I decided that the solution was to tackle my sister in person; it was sort of her fault, after all.

Leaning against the poser-infested walls of her bedroom, I got my ears bent with the usual Eustacia jargon. By complete accident, she managed to remind me of a couple of tricks I'd decided were too boring to use.

For example, if the character at location X, Y has a code between 32 and 127 (see Appendix A in the Spectrum manual), then SCREEN\$ will identify it. So if your mines are represented by M, then

```
10 IF SCREEN$ (Y, X) = "M" THEN GOSUB 100
```

can replace lines 10 to 30.

ATTR, she happened to mention, is even better — because a programmer of my skills would usually represent the mines with some fancy user-defined graphic which SCREEN\$ wouldn't recognise.

If, for example, this UDG (as we professionals say, sir) is red, flashing, bright and on a black background, then ATTR (X, Y) will be evaluated as  $128 (\text{FLASH}) + 64 (\text{BRIGHT}) + 8 * 0 (\text{BLACK PAPER}) + 2 (\text{RED INK}) = 194$ .

So

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10 IF ATTR (Y, X) = 194 THEN GOSUB 100
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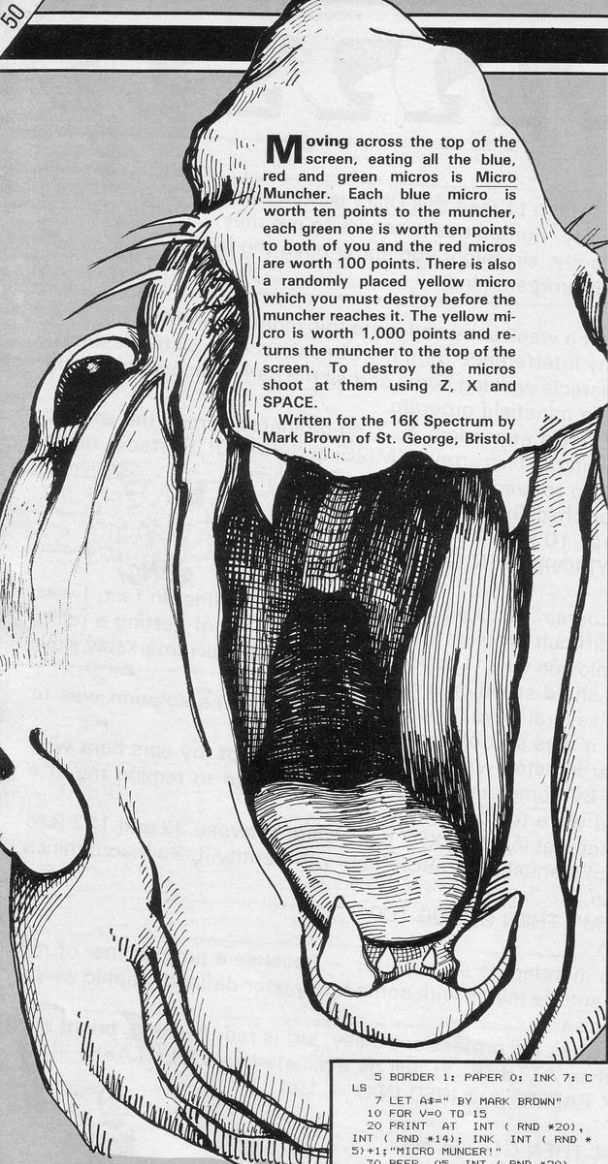
will do the trick.

You will hardly believe it, but Eustacia then demanded to be paid for her contributions.

Tell me, sir. Do they have such things as sisters in your advanced society?



Sid.



**M**oving across the top of the screen, eating all the blue, red and green micros is **Micro Muncher**. Each blue micro is worth ten points to the muncher, each green one is worth ten points to both of you and the red micros are worth 100 points. There is also a randomly placed yellow micro which you must destroy before the muncher reaches it. The yellow micro is worth 1,000 points and returns the muncher to the top of the screen. To destroy the micros shoot at them using Z, X and SPACE.

Written for the 16K Spectrum by  
Mark Brown of St. George, Bristol.

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80 FOR N=0 TO 57
90 LET J=64401
100 READ A
110 POKE J+N,A
120 NEXT N
130 DATA 6,1,197,33,15,0,17,1,0
,229,205,181,3,225,17,4,0,167,23
7,90,125,254,255,32,237,193,16,2
30,201
131 DATA 6,1,197,33,15,1,17,2,0
,229,205,181,3,225,17,4,0,167,23
7,90,125,254,255,32,237,193,16,2
30,201
133 FOR V=0 TO 31: READ S: POKE
USR "A"+V,S: NEXT V
134 DATA 0,65,63,63,42,42,42,42
0,255,255,255,170,170,170,0
,248,248,248,168,168,168,168
135 DATA 16,16,56, BIN 0101000
, BIN 10010010, BIN 10010010, BI
N 10101010, BIN 01000100
140 LET C=14
141 LET SC=0: LET SSC=0
142 LET MEN=0
143 LET F=20
145 LET LL=0
146 CLS
147 FOR V=0 TO 30: PRINT AT I
NT ( RND *18),V: INK 4: "(19B)"
148 PRINT AT INT ( RND *18),V
: INK 2: "(19B)": AT INT ( RND *
18),V: INK 1: "(19B)": AT INT (
RND *18),V: INK 1: "(19B)"
149 NEXT V: PRINT AT INT ( RN
D *15)+2, INT ( RND *29)+2: INK
6: FLASH 1: "(19B)"
150 FOR L=2 TO 17: FOR K=0 TO 3
1
160 PRINT AT L,K: INK 5: "ABC"
161 PRINT AT L,K-1: INK 0: " "
170 PRINT AT 20,C: " D "
180 IF INKEY#="" THEN LET L
L=1: LET CC=C
190 IF LL=1 THEN : PRINT AT F,
CC+1: INK 6: "I": PRINT AT F+1,C
C+1: " ": LET F=F-1
200 IF F=0 THEN LET F=19: LET
LL=0
220 IF ATTR (L,K+4)=4 THEN LE
T SSC=SSC+10: LET DUMMY=USR 644
30
225 IF ATTR (L,K+4)=2 THEN LE
T SSC=SSC+100: LET DUMMY=USR 64
430
226 IF ATTR (L,K+4)=134 THEN
LET SSC=SSC+1000: LET DUMMY=USR
64430: BORDER 6: BORDER 1: BORD
ER 6: BORDER 2: BORDER 0
227 IF ATTR (L,K+4)=1 THEN LE
T SSC=SSC+10: LET DUMMY=USR 644
30
230 PRINT AT 0,0: INK 6: "SCORE
=";SC: CHIP SCORE=SSC
240 IF ATTR (F,C+1)=4 THEN LE
T DUMMY=USR 64401: LET SC=SC+10
:
241 IF ATTR (F,C+1)=5 THEN LE
T DUMMY=USR 64401: LET SC=SC+10
0:
242 IF ATTR (F,C+1)=2 THEN LE
T DUMMY=USR 64401: LET SC=SC+10
0:
243 IF ATTR (F,C+1)=134 THEN
LET SC=SC+1000: FOR V=0 TO 7: FO
R B=0 TO 7: LET DUMMY=USR 64401
: BORDER B: BORDER B: NEXT B: NE
XT V: BORDER 0: GO TO 147
250 IF INKEY#="" THEN LET C
=C+1
260 IF INKEY#="" THEN LET C
=C+1
280 IF INKEY#="" THEN LET C
=C+2
290 IF INKEY#="" THEN LET C
=C+2
300 NEXT K: NEXT L
310 IF SC>SSC THEN PRINT AT 0
,0:"YOU WON THE MICRO INVADER"
320 IF SC<SSC THEN PRINT AT 0
,0:"I WON DO DAH"
330 PRINT AT 20,0:"WANT ANOTHE
R GO V/N?"
360 IF INKEY#="" OR INKEY#
="" THEN RUN
370 IF INKEY#="" OR INKEY#
="" THEN LOAD ""
380 GO TO 560

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5 BORDER 1: PAPER 0: INK 7: C
LS
7 LET A$="" BY MARK BROWN"
10 FOR V=0 TO 15
20 PRINT AT INT ( RND *20),
INT ( RND *14): INK INT ( RND *
5)+1:"MICRO MUNCHER!"
30 BEEP .05, INT ( RND *20)
40 NEXT V
50 PRINT BRIGHT 1: AT 10,7: I
NK INT ( RND *3)+1: INVERSE 1:
MICRO INVADERS!"
60 PRINT BRIGHT 1: AT 12,7: I
NK INT ( RND *3)+1: INVERSE 1: A
$
70 IF NOT LEN A$=14 THEN NE
W

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# MICRO MUNCHER

# COUNTING RABBITS

50 BORDER 7: PAPER 7: INK 0: B  
RIGHT 1: CLS  
60 DIM A(4): DIM C(4)  
70 FOR I=2 TO 6  
80 IF I < 3 THEN PRINT AT 1  
-1\*(I/3),8: INK 1:"COUNTING RABBIT"  
ITS"

90 NEXT I  
100 PRINT AT 12,10: PAPER 2: I  
100 PRINT 1:"INITIALISING"  
NK 7: FLASH 1: DIM C(4)  
110 GO SUB 2000  
120 PRINT AT 7,0:"Teaches the  
numbers 1 to 8 by asking th  
e child to count the number of r  
abbits of a certain colour."  
130 PRINT "The colour in each  
question is shown as a long ban  
d enabling children to use the  
program before they can rea  
d."

140 PRINT "To answer a questio  
n just press the number keys 0 t  
o 8."  
170 PRINT -AT 21,0:"Press the E  
NTER key to continue"  
180 INPUT LINE Z\$  
190 REM  
200 REM Start  
210 REM  
220 CLS  
230 LET XMIN=0: LET XMAX=30: LE  
T S=0: LET SM=0  
250 FOR D=1 TO 2: RESTORE 280

260 FOR I=1 TO 4: READ A(I)  
270 NEXT I  
280 DATA 2,4,5,6  
290 REM  
300 REM Reset number of each co  
lour to 0  
310 REM  
320 FOR I=1 TO 4: LET C(I)=0: N  
EXT I

330 LET N=0  
340 FOR Y=0 TO 12 STEP 4  
350 FOR X=1 TO 25 STEP 6  
360 REM  
370 REM Choose colour of each R  
abbit at random (max of 8)  
410 REM  
420 LET COLOUR=INT (RND \*4)+1

430 LET C(COLOUR)=C(COLOUR)+1  
IF C(COLOUR)>8 THEN LET C(COLOUR)  
=C(COLOUR)-1: GO TO 420  
440 INK A(COLOUR): PRINT AT Y,  
X:"BELL"  
450 PRINT AT Y+1,X:"KLNN"  
460 PRINT AT Y+2,X:"OPOR"  
470 NEXT X: NEXT Y  
480 INK 0: FOR I=1 TO 100: NEXT  
I

490 REM  
500 REM Pick random colour  
510 REM  
520 LET P=INT (RND \*4)+1: IF  
A(P)=0 THEN GO TO 520  
a(p)=0 PRINT AT 19,2:"How many "  
600 PRINT AT 19,2:"I: PAPER 7:  
"PAPER A(P):"  
"Rabbits ": FLASH 1:""  
610 LET A(P)=0  
620 IF CODE INKEY\$ < 48 OR CO  
DE INKEY\$ > 56 THEN GO TO 620

630 LET GUESS=CODE INKEY\$-48  
640 LET ANSWER=C(P): IF GUESS=A  
NSWER THEN GO TO 800  
690 REM  
700 REM Guess wrong  
710 REM  
720 PRINT AT 19,0:"No you got  
it wrong there are :answer;" "

730 REM  
740 REM Print a sad face  
750 REM  
760 PRINT AT 16,XMAX:"AB": AT  
17,XMAX:"EF"  
770 LET XMAX=XMAX-3: LET S=SM+3

1 780 LET W=.1: BEEP 1.5\*W,7: BEE  
P W,4: BEEP 1.5\*W,0: BEEP W,4: B  
EEP .8\*W,2: BEEP 2\*W,2: GO TO 90  
0

790 REM  
800 REM Guess right  
810 REM  
820 PRINT AT 19,2:"That's right  
there are :answer;" "  
830 REM  
840 REM Print a smiling face  
850 REM  
860 PRINT AT 16,XMIN:"AB": AT  
17,XMIN:"CD"

870 LET XMIN=XMIN+3: LET S=SM+3  
1 880 LET W=.07: BEEP 3\*W,12: BEE  
P W,16: BEEP 2\*W,14: BEEP W,17:  
BEEP 3\*W,16: BEEP 5\*W,12  
900 FOR U=1 TO 250: NEXT U  
920 PRINT AT 19,0:"

930 LET N=N+1: IF N=4 THEN GO  
TO 1000  
950 GO TO 500  
1000 NEXT D  
1010 PRINT AT 19,2:"You got ":S  
M:" right and ":S:" wrong "  
1020 PRINT AT 21,2:"Press the E  
NTER key to Repeat"  
1030 INPUT LINE Z\$: GO TO 200

This is an educational program for children aged two to five. Twenty rabbits appear on the screen and at the bottom a coloured band is shown. The child is asked how many rabbits are the same colour as the band at the bottom of the screen. As the child can see the colour without having to be able to read and there are never more than eight rabbits of one particular colour the program is suitable for the younger child.

Counting Rabbits was written for the 16K Spectrum by Alan Pratt of Chelmsford, Essex.

1040 STOP  
1990 REM  
2000 REM Set graphic characters

2010 REM  
2020 RESTORE 2040  
2030 FOR I=USR "a" TO USR "r"+7  
2040 READ J: POKE I,J  
2050 NEXT I: RETURN  
2060 DATA 7,31,48,96,76,204,192,  
193,224,248,12,6,50,51,3,131  
2070 DATA 193,192,216,79,99,48,3  
1,7,131,3,27,242,198,12,248,224

2080 DATA 193,192,195,71,108,48,  
31,7,131,3,195,256,54,12,248,224

2090 DATA 1,3,3,7,7,31,63,115,125,  
2,152,184,48,112,243,255,255  
2100 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,224,248,254,  
0,0,0,0,0,0,0  
2110 DATA 243,255,251,119,15,0,0  
0,255,223,223,191,127,127,127,2  
55  
2120 DATA 255,255,255,255,255,25  
1,247,239,0,128,192,192,236,254,  
255,255  
2130 DATA 1,15,15,0,0,0,0,0,255,  
199,131,0,0,1,7,7  
2140 DATA 223,223,239,239,7,251,  
255,255,254,236,224,192,192,192,  
128,128



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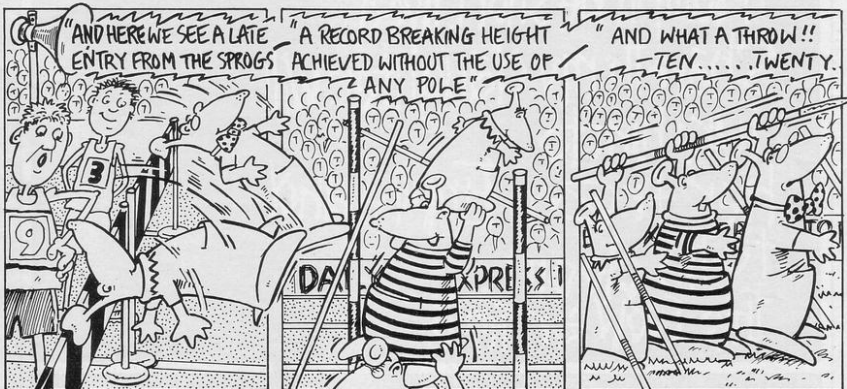
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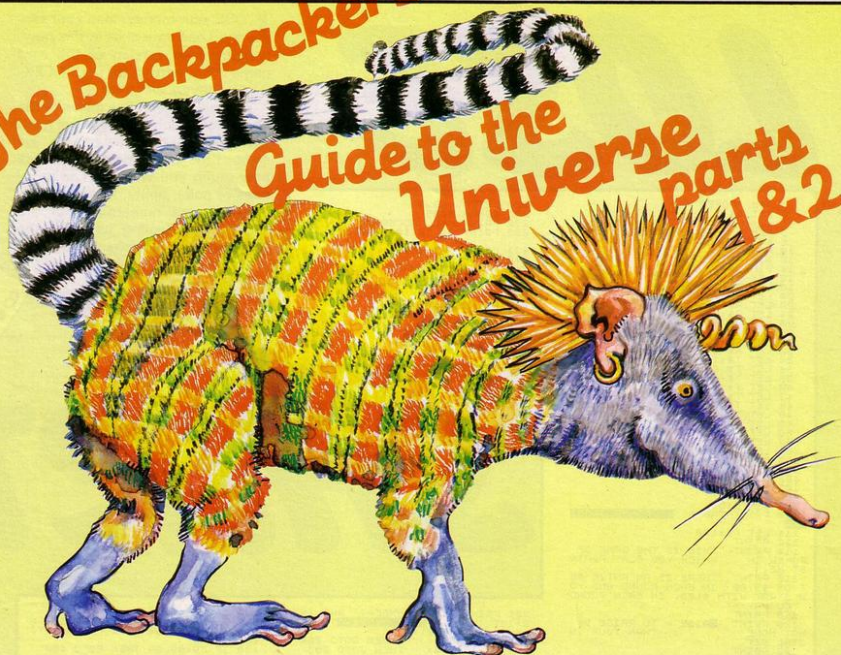
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# The Backpackers' Guide to the Universe parts 1 & 2



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Ziggy, super-hero of Fantasy's games, reappears in the massive, two part game, **The Backpacker's Guide to the universe**. Ziggy has only half a terrestrial day in which to scour the labyrinthine caverns of the planet of Thalís, collect the twelve exotic animals to be found there and return them, unharmed, to the spaceship. Of course, with creatures such as the Flufflelump, which licks other creatures to death, and the Googly bird, which needs regular doses of tranquillisers in order to stave off a terminal nervous breakdown, to collect, Ziggy needs to invest a lot of thought and planning in his quest before actually moving any of the animals.

**How to enter:** First, answer the questions below. Then study the animal above. As Ziggy was returning to his space ship for the last time, he found this animal curled up behind the door. Despite extensive searches in the Encyclopedia Galactica, Ziggy has been unable to name it. What do you think the creature is called?

Fill in the competition entry form and post it off to us to arrive before the first of March. The best suggestions included with the correct answers will win.

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1. Name the hero of the Backpacker's Guide.
2. How many creatures must the hero collect?
3. How many hours has the hero in which to complete his quest?
4. What is a 'Backpacker'?
5. Name one other game which Fantasy have produced for the Spectrum.

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5 .....

I THINK THE CREATURE IS A .....  
MY FAVOURITE PROGRAM IS .....  
FROM .....  
MY MOST HATED PROGRAM IS .....





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301 LET H$=14
310 RETURN
320 IF T<0 THEN GOTO 830
330 PRINT "NOTHING"
340 RETURN
350 IF T<1 THEN GOTO 840
360 PRINT "ONE PAIR"
370 RETURN
380 IF T<2 THEN GOTO 850
390 PRINT "TWO PAIRS"
400 RETURN
410 IF T<3 THEN GOTO 860
420 PRINT "THREE OF A KIND"
430 RETURN
440 IF T<4 THEN GOTO 870
450 PRINT "STRAIGHT"
460 RETURN
470 IF T<5 THEN GOTO 880
480 PRINT "FLUSH"
490 RETURN
500 IF T<6 THEN GOTO 890
510 PRINT "A FULL HOUSE"
520 RETURN
530 IF T<7 THEN GOTO 900
540 PRINT "FOUR OF A KIND"
550 RETURN
560 IF T<8 THEN GOTO 910
570 PRINT "A STRAIGHT FLUSH"
580 RETURN
590 PRINT "A ROYAL FLUSH..."
600 RETURN
610 LET C=INT (AND+4+1)
620 LET C=INT (AND+13+1)
630 IF S(5,C)=1 THEN GOTO 920
640 LET S(5,C)=1
650 RETURN
660 PRINT " " AND (C=1 OR C=14)
670 AND C=10; " " AND C=11; " " A
680 ND C=12; "K" AND C=13;
690 941 IF C<1 AND C<10 THEN PRINT
700 C
710 942 IF C=1 THEN LET C=14
720 943 IF C=10 AND C=14 THEN LET C
730 =1
740 944 IF C=14 THEN LET C=11
750 945 RETURN
760 1000 PRINT "H" AND S=1; "S" AND S
770 =2; "D" AND S=3; "C" AND S=4;
780 1001 PRINT " "
790 1002 RETURN
800 1003 CLS
810 1041 LET LINE=0
820 1042 PRINT TAB 7; "DECE 15 1985"
830 1043 PRINT " 1 2 3"
840 4
850 1044 FOR X=1 TO 5
860 1045 PRINT AT 2+LINE,0;
870 1046 PRINT " (X-1)+6; " " T
880 AB (X-1)+6; " "
890 1050 LET C=H(X)
900 1051 LET S=1
910 1054 GOSUB 940
920 1055 GOSUB 1000
930 1056 FOR Y=1 TO 5
940 1057 PRINT TAB 7; (X-1)+6; AS (VAL T$
950 (C,Y))
960 1058 NEXT Y
970 1059 NEXT X
980 1060 NEXT K
990 1061 RETURN GOTO 810
1000 1070 DIM K(4)
1010 1071 DIM T(13)
1020 1072 RETURN
1030 1080 GOSUB 1070
1040 1081 FOR X=1 TO 5
1050 1082 LET T(C(X));ST(C(X))+1
1060 1083 LET K(D(X));K(D(X))+1
1070 1084 NEXT X
1080 1092 GOSUB 940
1090 1093 RETURN
1100 1100 STOP
1110 4000 FOR O=1 TO 5
1120 4010 LET M(O)=0
1130 4020 LET N(O)=0
1140 4030 NEXT O
1150 4040 LET LINE=9
1160 5010 FOR O=1 TO 25
1170 5020 NEXT O
1180 5025 PRINT AT 21,0;S$;AT 21,0;
1190 5030 RETURN
1200 5040 GOSUB 5000
1210 6005 PRINT "RAISE, MALL OR 00 OU
1220 6010 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 601
1230 6020 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 6020
1240 6030 LET E$=INKEY$
1250 6040 IF E$="R" AND E$="C" AND
1260 E$="G" THEN GOTO 6010
1270 6050 IF E$="C" THEN LET B=0
1280 6060 IF E$="C" THEN LET B=-1
1290 6065 IF E$="C" OR E$="G" THEN GO
1300 TO 6120
1310 6070 GOSUB 5025
1320 6080 PRINT "HOW MUCH DO YOU RAIS
1330 E $?"
1340 6090 INPUT B
1350 6100 IF B>0 OR B<0 THEN GOTO 6000
1360 6110 IF B<0 THEN GOTO 6000
1370 6114 LET STAKE=STAKE+B
1380 6115 PRINT AT 19,10;P$-STAKE$;"
1390 6120 RETURN
1400 7000 PRINT
1410 7010 PRINT "YOU HAVE NO MONEY DO
1420 YOU WISH TO BORROW 100?" (YES
1430 OR NO)
1440 7020 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 7030
1450 7030 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 7030
1460 7040 LET E$=INKEY$
1470 7050 IF E$="" THEN GOTO 595
1480 7060 LET P$=100
1490 7065 LET BORROW=BORROW+1
1500 7070 GOTO 135

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893 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 593
894 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 594
895 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 135
896 CLS
897 LET P$=P$-(BORROW*100)
898 SCROLL
899 PRINT "
900 601 IF P$<0 THEN GOTO 530
901 IF P$<100 THEN GOTO 620
902 SCROLL
903 PRINT "YOU LEFT LOSING $";1
904 00-P$
905 613 SCROLL
906 614 SCROLL
907 615 PRINT "
908 616 GOTO 635
909 620 SCROLL
910 621 PRINT "YOU LEFT WINNING $";
911 P$
912 622 SCROLL
913 623 SCROLL
914 624 PRINT "
915 625 GOTO 635
916 630 SCROLL
917 631 PRINT "YOU OUE ME $";-P$
918 632 SCROLL
919 633 SCROLL
920 634 PRINT "
921 635 SCROLL
922 636 SCROLL
923 637 SCROLL
924 638 STOP
925 640 LET T=0
926 641 FOR I=1 TO 4
927 642 IF K(I)<S THEN GOTO 650
928 643 LET T=S
929 650 NEXT I

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551 LET I=2
552 LET H$=0
553 LET I=-1
554 IF T<0 THEN GOTO 670
555 652 LET I=13
556 653 IF T<1 THEN GOTO 650
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702 799 IF T<1 THEN GOTO 720
703 800 IF T<1 THEN GOTO 720

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# Questline

## Cathy Foot faces The Wrath of Magra

**S**TILL exhausted by climbing my way laboriously up the social scale towards **Hampstead** last month it came as something of a shock to be thrust into a world of spells and monsters as I began **The Wrath of Magra** from Mastervision. Having compiled a list of does and don'ts for players last month, I felt no compunction in producing some for games writers this month.

1) Will **SOMEONE** out there bring out a grammar for games program writers — and a dictionary for the players!

2) Will firms at least allow us to "save" to microdrive — I **WOULD** like to copy the whole program to microdrive, but I suppose that would increase games pirating. Saving to microdrive would speed up my games no end.

If you like this sort of thing, you **DO** get good value for money — for instance, there are hieroglyphics on the inner walls of the Wizard's tomb. All I got from investigating the tomb was to be buried in six unmarked graves! This was one area I had not explored with the graphics on — you can translate the hieroglyphics with the aid of the Enchanted Warrior spell in the Book of Shadows. Thanks, MasterVision, both for the various hints you gave me as we discussed Magra and for taking a lot of time and

effort yourselves so as to get me into Episode Three.

Since I used to be a Gamer (when I had time) I like the Dungeons and Dragons touch, where not everything is revealed if you "look". Along with many other people, though, I would have preferred an "examine" command, so many games of this type have such that one feels disoriented when told that "examine" is not understood. While it is a good idea to be able to go to a likely spot and look for herbs etc., this program is too slow overall for such frills to be suitably appreciated. Similarly, we are not given any clues as to native habitat of the herbs in this universe. Neither dill nor wolfsbane are mentioned in any of my plant books, and stinging nettles are not to be found in many of their more normal Earth environments.

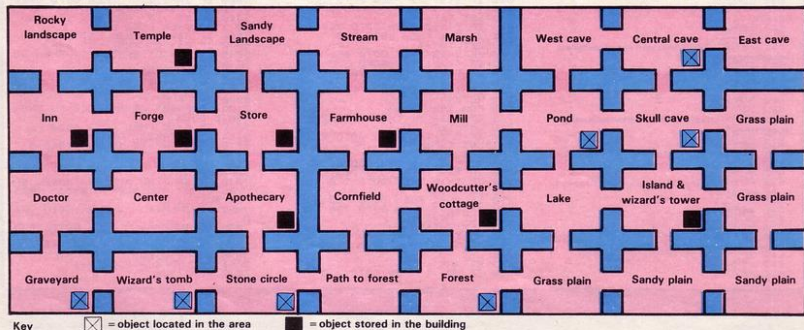
Yes, the machine will accept multiple instructions but remember to leave a space between commands. "N space N" will move you two map squares North if you can take them. (Having plugged in a programmable joystick my son discovered that NESWNESWNESW ... paused the machine as if it were awaiting a tape input and, since there was none available, the whole program crashed — a pity,

since we were just about to risk a trip into Skull Cavern loaded for bear — now does one buy aspirin for a computer?)

Spelling mistakes are bad enough in written work, but when you have to use them because they are stored in the program they become frustrating in the extreme — **Vipers TOUNGE**, for instance, or **Death CUP** mushrooms, although Mastervision told me that the last is so that even crazier players might not try the "spells" outside the program. Since it takes the machine so long to check for sure that "you can't get that there 'ere" each time, my level of frustration rises as my spelling ability plummets.

Continuing to look at this as computerised Dungeons and Dragons. I see Episode One as the preparation of my character and Episode Two as a first level adventure preparing you to face Magra herself in Episode Three. Yes, it can be improved — there must be some way to speed up the action, for instance — but, even as it stands, you still get a lot for your money. **IMPORTANT:** Take your first games slowly if you are new to Magra and find a source of food and water; your character seems to have been through some hard times before reaching the Valley.

They only sell mead and meat





at the inn, and everything for sale costs at least one gold bit. You will find that villagers will not buy things they sell for one gold bit, since they seem keen on making a profit out of you.

If you need a hint, then move the letters in the next lines back by one in the alphabet — tffmm Tjstot lbjs up jodsfbtf zpvs wealth in Episode One. vtf qif HspX Xjoht tqfmm up jodsfbtf zpvs faith in Episode Two).

My first venture into Episode Three lasted exactly three caverns. There I was confronted by a large fire-spitting, furry monster with a long scaly tail — not at all cuddly!

At that point, the gremlins struck again, NEWing out the program, much to my relief, since I was thirsty and backed into a corner.

The message which appears on the screen if your character dies in Episode One is not accurate, continue reloading from the beginning UNTIL THAT MESSAGE LEAVES THE SCREEN — about 100 turns of the counter.

Dislikes:- a) the slow graphics. After the initial mapping run, I would suggest taking advantage

of the "no graphics" facility, which speeds things up a lot (just you wait until you reach Episode Two, where every letter calls forth a "beep" from your Spectrum and slows you down no end. Even my son can type in instructions faster than they can be handled and he is still at the "prod" stage of typing). "No Graphics" in Episode Two continues to show you which room you are in, it only fails to draw in any monster there.

b) The need to type in everything in full each time. I KNOW there is a huge vocabulary, but there must be some short cuts for us SOMEWHERE.

I AM impressed by the amount of work and loving care that has gone into episode three. The monsters the machine comes up with have been the sort of thing that any sensible adventurer would tiptoe past, hoping not to be seen. None of them have been other than magnificently offensive. My only hope has been to get in first with a lucky blow.

After my first monster, I met, in quick succession, a bipedal creature with a body covered in green slime which spat out lightning bolts, a giant slithering monster with fiery breath, extending steel jaws and coarse hair, which turned out to be surprisingly vulnerable to my silver sword — on my first meeting I killed it with one lucky blow; on the second it took three rounds before it lay dead at my feet.

In my opinion, however, the moment AFTER you have killed your first monster is where the most delicious terror strikes. As you stand there, thanking your Gods that you have overcome one of the beastly guards of Magra, the computer informs you that Magra is making a new monster.

You have only just penetrated her fortress and already she knows you are there! Can you still win through? As one already stricken in the fray, my best wishes go with you, adventurer, and may you succeed where I failed!

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From: .....

HELP OFFERED .....

HELP WANTED .....

# UFO ATTACK

**A** Martian attack fleet is approaching your city. Shoot the fighters down from your position in the defence tower. The controls for your cannon are 2, W, 9, 0 and M. The game features good graphics, sound effects and explosion routines. Damage to the city is shown on the screen as a percentage and the affected buildings are set alight.

UFO Attack was written for the 48K Spectrum by Anthony Sherwood of West Bromwich, West Midlands.

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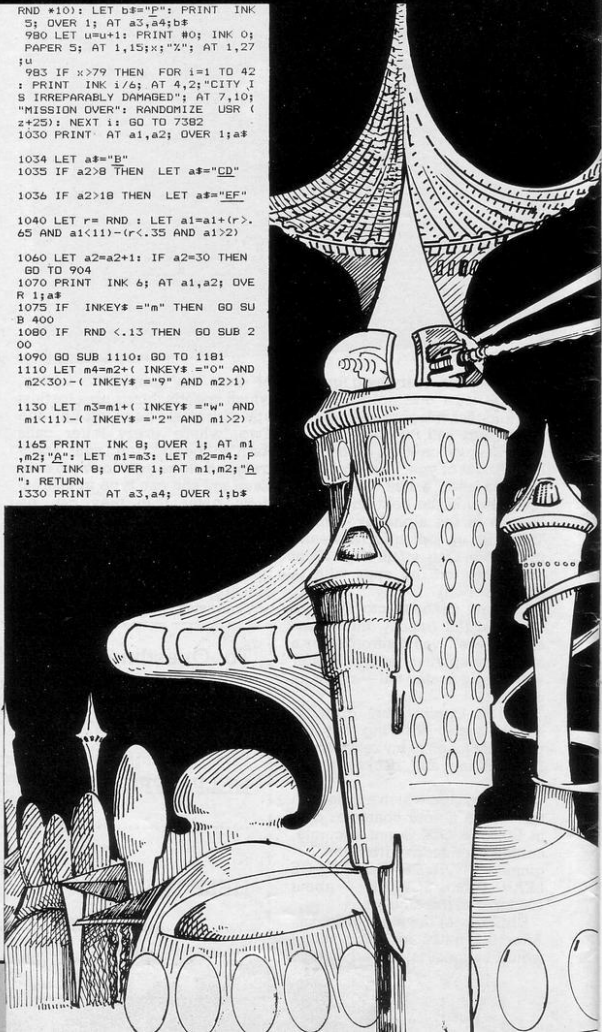
5 LET z=59000: OVER 0: PAPER
0: INK 7: BORDER 1: CLS
8 RESTORE 1: GO TO 6000
200 IF RND >.5 THEN LET q=a4:
LET d=a3: POKE (z+36),90: GO TO
202
201 LET d=a1: LET q=a2
208 LET e2=q*8+6: LET e1=(21-d)
#8: OVER 1
213 IF ATTR (16,q)<128 THEN P
RINT INK 6: PAPER 2: AT 16,q: F
LASH 1:"H"
220 INK 8: PLOT e2,e1: DRAW -3,
(d-15)*8: FOR i=1 TO 6: RANDOMIZ
E USR (z+25): NEXT i: PLOT e2,e
1: DRAW -3,(d-15)*8: INK 7
225 IF RND >.35 THEN PRINT A
T 16,q:"H"
230 OVER 0: LET x=x+5: POKE (z+
36),60: RETURN
400 LET ht=0: IF ATTR (m1,m2)=
6 THEN LET ht=1
405 IF ATTR (m1,m2)=5 THEN LE
T ht=2
410 OVER 1: LET g1=(21-m1)*8+4:
LET g2=m2*8+4: PLOT 24,17: DRAW
g2-24,g1-17: PLOT 231,17: DRAW
g2-231,g1-17
425 RANDOMIZE USR (z+4): RANDO
MIZE USR (z+4): PLOT 24,17: DRA
W g2-24,g1-17: PLOT 231,17: DRAW
g2-231,g1-17
450 OVER 0: IF ht>0 THEN LET s
=5+1: LET i=20-LEN STR$ s: PRI
NT INK 0: PAPER 5: AT 19,i: s: G
O TO 600
499 RETURN
601 OVER 1: IF ht=1 THEN PRINT
AT a1,a2:a#s: GO TO 603
602 PRINT AT a3,a4:b#s
605 POKE (z+36),128
610 BRIGHT 1: FOR i=1 TO 8: PRI
NT AT m1,m2-1:"FHR": RANDOMIZE
USR (z+25): PRINT AT m1,m2-1:"
HRH": RANDOMIZE USR (z+25)
613 NEXT i: BRIGHT 0: POKE (z+3
6),60
620 LET t=1: LET y1=m2-1: LET y
2=m1-1: LET y3=m2+1: LET y4=m1+1
625 PRINT AT m1,y1:"H": AT y2,
m2:"D": AT m1,y3:"H": AT y4,m2:"
H"
650 FOR i=1 TO 10: IF y1>0 THEN
PRINT AT m1,y1:"H": LET y1=y1-
1: PRINT AT m1,y1:"H"
660 PRINT AT y2,m2:"D": LET y2
=y2-t: PRINT AT y2,m2:"D"
665 IF y2>3 THEN LET t=t
670 IF y3<30 THEN PRINT AT m1
,y3:"H": LET y3=y3+1: PRINT AT
m1,y3:"H"
680 IF y4<15 THEN PRINT AT y4
,m2:"H": LET y4=y4+1: PRINT AT
y4,m2:"H"
690 NEXT i
694 PRINT AT m1,y1:"H": AT y2,
m2:"D": AT m1,y3:"H": AT y4,m2:"
H"
695 OVER 0
700 IF ht=2 THEN GO TO 926
910 LET a2=0: LET a1=2: INT (R
ND *10): LET a#="B"
924 PRINT OVER 1: AT a1,a2:a#s
925 GO TO 950
940 LET a4=30: LET a3=2: INT (

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RND *10): LET b#="P": PRINT INK
5: OVER 1: AT a3,a4:b#s
980 LET u#="1: PRINT #0: INK 0:
PAPER 5: AT 1,15:x:"Z": AT 1,27
:u
983 IF x>79 THEN FOR i=1 TO 42
: PRINT INK i/6: AT 4,2:"CITY I
S IRREPARABLY DAMAGED": AT 7,10:
"MISSION OVER": RANDOMIZE USR (
z+25): NEXT i: GO TO 7302
1030 PRINT AT a1,a2: OVER 1:a#s
1034 LET a#="B"
1035 IF a2>8 THEN LET a#="CD"
1036 IF a2>18 THEN LET a#="EF"
1040 LET r= RND: LET a1=a1+(r*
65 AND a1<11)-(r<.35 AND a1>2)
1060 LET a2=a2+1: IF a2=30 THEN
GO TO 904
1070 PRINT INK 6: AT a1,a2: OVE
R 1:a#s
1075 IF INKEY$="m" THEN GO SU
B 400
1080 IF RND <.13 THEN GO SUB 2
000
1090 GO SUB 1110: GO TO 1181
1110 LET m4=m2+( INKEY$="0" AND
m2<30)-( INKEY$="9" AND m2>1)
1130 LET m3=m1+( INKEY$="w" AND
m1<11)-( INKEY$="2" AND m1>2)
1165 PRINT INK 8: OVER 1: AT m1
,m2:"A": LET m1=m3: LET m2=m4: P
RINT INK 8: OVER 1: AT m1,m2:"A
": RETURN
1330 PRINT AT a3,a4: OVER 1:b#s

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1334 LET b$="p"
1335 IF a4<22 THEN LET b$="DR"
1336 IF a4<12 THEN LET b$="U"

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1340 LET r= RND : LET a3=a3+(r>
.65 AND a3<11)-(r<.35 AND a3>2)

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1360 LET a4=a4-1: IF a4=0 THEN
GO TO 940

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1370 PRINT INK 0; AT a3,a4: OVE
R 1;b$

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1380 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO SU
B 400

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1999 GO SUB 1100: GO TO 1000
6010 INK 0: PRINT PAPER 5; AT 3
,0;

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" U F O A T T A C K
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6020 PAPER 3: PRINT " A MARTIA
N ATTACK FLEET IS APPROACHING

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YOUR CITY. SHOOT THE FIGHTERS DO
WN FROM YOUR POSITION IN THE

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DEFENSIVE TOWER.
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6900 FOR i= USR "a" TO USR "s"+
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6901 READ j: POKE i,j: NEXT i
6903 DATA 231,129,129,0,0,129,12

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9,231,0,0,0,14,31,0,0,0,0,15,4
8,96,31,0,0,0,0,192,96,128,0,0

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,0,15,16,32,64,192,63,0,0,224,16
,8,4,6,248,0,
6905 DATA 1,3,7,15,31,63,127,255

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6907 DATA 5,133,220,127,116,68,7
6,12,0,1,3,7,15,60,224,128,0,128

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,192,224,240,60,7,1
6908 DATA 18,60,126,191,92,16,16

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,16,24,44,223,122,44,8,8,8
6920 FOR i=2 TO (z+72): READ j:

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POKE i,j: NEXT i
6945 PRINT PAPER 5; " LASER

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CANNON CONTROLS
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6950 PRINT " RAISE 2 LOW
ER W

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6960 PRINT " LET 9 RIGHT 0
FIRE M
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7000 LET z=216: LET j=60
7002 PLOT 255,(j-3): DRAW -40,0

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7003 PLOT 255,(j-5): DRAW -42,0:
DRAW 2,2

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7005 FOR p=1 TO 3: PLOT i,j: DRAW
W,16: DRAW 0,0: DRAW 0,-16: DR

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AW -8,0: PLOT i,j+16: DRAW 3,3:
DRAW 8,0: DRAW 0,-16: DRAW 3,-3

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cr=3: LET up=7: GO SUB 7065: LET

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i=i+14: NEXT p: GO TO 7110
7065 LET k=i+2: LET l=j: FOR m=1

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TO acr: FOR n=1 TO up: LET i=i+
2: PLOT k,l: NEXT n: LET l=j: LE

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T k=k+2: NEXT m: RETURN
7111 LET i=80: LET j=40

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7112 FOR p=1 TO 4
7115 PLOT i,j

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7120 DRAW 0,24: DRAW 16,0: DRAW
0,-24: DRAW -16,0

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7125 PLOT i,j+24
7130 DRAW 5,5: DRAW 16,0: DRAW 0

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,-24: DRAW 3,-5
7140 PLOT (i+16),(j+24): DRAW 5,

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5: PLOT i,j+6: DRAW -10,-10: DR
AW 8,0: DRAW -2,-2: DRAW -11,0: D

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RAW 14,14: PLOT i+11,j-4: DRAW 6
,0: DRAW 12,12: DRAW -7,0: DRAW

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0,2: DRAW 12,0: DRAW -16,-16: DR

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AW -10,0: DRAW 2,2
7200 LET acr=7: LET up=11: GO SU

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B 7065
7210 LET i=i+37: NEXT p

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7250 PLOT 0,j-6: DRAW 58,0
7255 DRAW 2,2: DRAW -60,0

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7260 PLOT 0,j-10: DRAW 73,0: DRA
W -4,-4: DRAW -69,0

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7261 PLOT 20,45: DRAW 0,6: DRAW
-1,0: DRAW 4,4: DRAW 36,0: DRAW

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-4,-4: DRAW -36,0: DRAW 36,0: DR
AW 1,1: DRAW 0,-7: DRAW -36,0

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7262 DRAW 36,0: DRAW 2,2: DRAW 0
,6

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7263 PLOT 230,40: DRAW 0,6: DRAW
-1,0: DRAW 4,4: DRAW 18,0: DRAW

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-4,-4: DRAW -18,0: DRAW 18,0: D
RAW 1,1: DRAW 0,-7: DRAW -18,0

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7264 DRAW 18,0: DRAW 2,2: DRAW 0
,6

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7287 PRINT AT 18,27:"L K L"
7288 PRINT AT 17,28:"L K"

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7289 PRINT AT 15,11:"L": AT 16,0
" L": AT 16,4:"KL"

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7290 PLOT 0,0: DRAW 255,0: PLOT
0,175: DRAW 255,0

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7291 PRINT AT 12,0:"SSSSSSSSSSSS
SSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS": AT 13,3:"M

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7300 PLOT 0,0: FOR i=1 TO 26: RE
AD j,k: DRAW j,k: NEXT i

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7340 PLOT 255,0: DRAW -16,16: DR
AW -32,0: DRAW 0,-8: DRAW 0,8: D

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RAW 8,-8: DRAW -16,0: DRAW -8,8:
DRAW -23,0

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7360 PLOT 0,175: FOR i=1 TO 27:
READ j,k: DRAW j,k: NEXT i

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7380 LET a=0: LET h=0: LET m=11
: LET m2=16: LET m3=m: LET m4=m

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7382 LET a1=8: LET a2=0: LET a3=
3: LET a4=30: LET b$="P": LET a$

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="B"
7400 IF a$>h THEN LET h=a$

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7401 PRINT M0: INK 3: AT 0,2;"G"
: AT 0,29;"U": PAPER 3: AT 0,3;"

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"

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```

7402 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,56,40,56,0,0
,7,5,5,5,7

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```

7404 PRINT AT 11,6: FLASH 1:"PR
ESS KEY 1 TO START"

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7405 IF INKEY$ <> "1" THEN GO
TO 7405

```

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7406 FOR i=31 TO 0 STEP -1: POKE
(z+11),i#B: RANDOMIZE USR (z+4

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): IF ATTR (16,1)>127 THEN PRI
NT AT 16,1: OVER 1;"H"

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7407 NEXT i
7408 LET x=0: LET x=0: LET u=1

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7410 PRINT INK 0: PAPER 5: AT 1
9,12:"HITS 000": AT 20,12:"HIGH

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000"
7415 PRINT M0: AT 1,2: INK 0: PA

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PER 5;" CITY DAMAGE INFO NO.
": AT 1,15;k;"X": AT 1,27;u

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7420 LET i=20- LEN STR$ h: PRIN
T INK 0: PAPER 5: AT 20,i:h

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7430 FOR i=2 TO 11: PRINT AT i
,0;

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" : RANDOMIZE USR (z+25): RAN
DOMIZE USR (z+25): NEXT i

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7440 FOR i=1 TO 25: PLOT INT (
RND *250), INT (RND *67+88): NE

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XT i
7460 PRINT OVER 1: AT m1,m2;"A"

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```

: AT a1,a2;a$: AT a3,a4;b$: GO T
O 950

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```

9001 DATA 128,192,224,240,248,25
2,254,255,0,0,0,4,14,17,0,0,0,0

```

```

,6,15,31,112,64,0,0,0,0,128,224
,32,0,0,0,0,180,75,0,0

```

```

9004 DATA 11,167,67,237,58,72,92
,15,15,15,30,251,243,211,254,238

```

```

,16,67,16,254,28,32,246,251,201
,

```

```

9006 DATA 243,58,72,92,15,15,15,
8,38,0,1,60,0,8,211,254,238,16,8

```

```

,46,0,85,92,167,237,82,237,82,17
,254,0,25,125,148,56,1,61,103,61

```

```

,52,253,11,120,177,32,223,251,20
1,

```

```

9050 DATA 16,16,32,0,0,-8,0,8,-8
,-8,16,0,8,8,24,0,0,-6,0,21,80,0

```

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,0,-31,-80,0,0,9,0,-9,6,0,19,-
6,6,6,-6,68,0,6,6,-6,0,-19,6,

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6,-6,-68,0
9055 DATA 15,-15,32,0,0,8,0,-8,-

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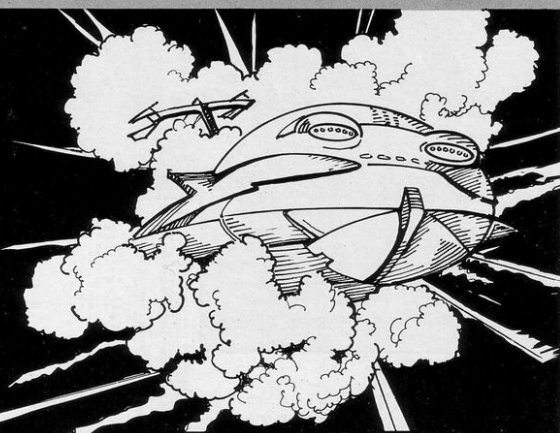
8,8,16,0,8,-8,32,0,-15,15,15,-15
,0,15,9,0,8,-8,32,0,8,8,9,0,-1

```

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5,15,15,-15,-15,32,0,8,8,16,0,-8
,-8,0,8,0,-8,32,0,14,14

```



# DARTS

One or two people can play and may choose to have a 501 or a 301 start. The dartboard is shown and the cursor moves round the board. Press any key when you wish the cursor to stop. You will then be shown a bar with STDO. on it. Pressing any key as the cursor flashes over these characters will determine whether you score a single, double, treble, 25 or bullseye.

Darts is an excellent program written for the 16K ZX-81 by Gary Braunton of Redruth, Cornwall.

```

10  GOSUB 9000
20  GOTO 9500
30  GOTO 10000
40  GOSUB 15000
50  IF PL=1 THEN PRINT AT 0.0;
100  IF PL=2 THEN PRINT AT 0.2;
1010 LET A=-41331646583047424134
1020 LET A=-5471309435101410825804173285
1030 LET A=-65471309435101410825804173285
1040 LET A=-1158999923331818
1050 FOR I=1 TO 108 STEP 5
1060 X=VAL A*(I+2 TO I+3)
1070 Y=VAL A*(I+2 TO I+3)
1080 PLOT X,Y
1095 LET NUM=VAL A*(I+4 TO I+5)
1100 GOTO 40

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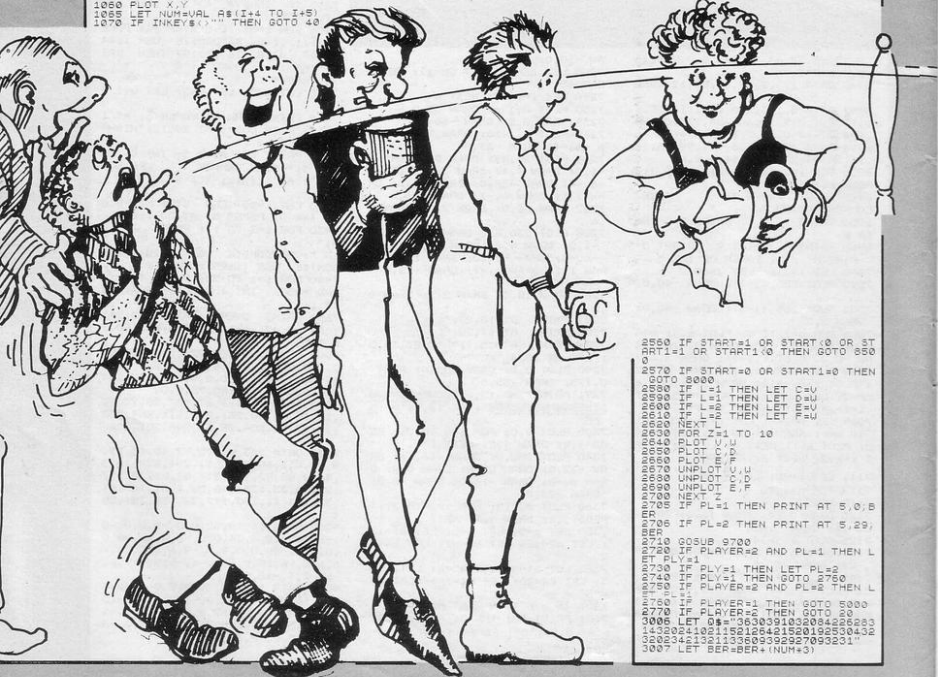
1080 UNPL0T X,Y
1090 NEXT I
1100 LET Y=36
1110 LET NUM=5
1120 PLOT X,Y
1130 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 40
1140 INP INKEY$
1150 LET Y=Y+2
1160 LET X=X+2
1170 PLOT X,Y
1180 LET NUM=20
1190 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 40
1200 UNPLOT X,Y
1210 LET NUM=1
1220 PLOT X,Y
1230 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 40
1240 UNPLOT X,Y
1250 GOTO 40
1260 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 150
1270
1280 DIM T$(5,5)
1290 LET T$(1,1)="S"
1300 LET T$(1,2)="S"
1310 LET T$(2,1)="S"
1320 LET T$(3,1)="S"
1330 LET T$(4,1)="S"
1340 LET T$(5,1)="S"
1350 FOR I=1 TO 5
1360 PRINT AT 25,T$(I)
1370 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 200
1380
1390 IF L=4 THEN RETURN

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```

1510 NEXT T
1520 GOTO 1570
1530 GOTO 2500 IF (T=500)
1540 LET B=BER+NUM
1550 IF PL=1 THEN LET START=STAR
1560
1570 IF PL=2 THEN LET START=STAR
1580 RT1=NUM
1590 START=#1 OR START1=#1 TH
1600 EN GOTO 3500
1610
1620 IF L1=1 THEN LET DOX
1630 IF L2=1 THEN LET DOY
1640 IF L3=1 THEN LET DEX
1650 IF L4=1 THEN LET DEY
1660
1670 NEXT L
1680 FOR Z=1 TO 10
1690   PLOT C,D
1700   PLOT C,D
1710   UNPLOT C,X,Y
1720   UNPLOT C,E,F
1730   UNPLOT C,E,F
1740 NEXT Z
1750 IF PL=1 THEN PRINT AT 5,0,B
1760
1770 IF PL=2 THEN PRINT AT 5,29;
1780
1790 GOSUB 9700
1800 IF PLAYER=2 AND PL=1 THEN L
1810
1820 IF PL=1 THEN LET PL=2
1830 IF PL=2 THEN GOTO 2300
1840
1850 PL=1
1860 IF PLAYER=2 THEN GOTO 20
1870 IF PLAYER=1 THEN GOTO 5000
1880 LET Z#="089943022004532223
1890 LET Z#="4315141113037512
1900 LET Z#="150730800433725003240"
1910
1920 LET BER=BER+NUM#Z
1930
1940 IF PL=1 THEN LET START=STAR
1950
1960 RT1=NUM#2
1970 IF PL=2 THEN LET START1=STAR
1980 RT1=NUM#2
1990
2000 LET NUM#1=
2010 UNPLOT X,Z
2020 LET NUM#1=NUM#3+M
2030 LET U#AL Z#(NUM2 TO NUM#3
2040
2050 PLOT U,U
2060 IF NUM#9 THEN UNPLOT U,U
2070 LET NUM#NUM#M
2080

```





**Motorbike Rider** was written for the 16K Spectrum by M. R. Hughes of Colchester, Essex.

# MOTORBIKE RIDER



```

215 IF P>25 THEN LET H=6
220 P=P-50 THEN LET H=3
230 IF P>75 THEN LET H=7
240 RETURN
510 FOR N=0 TO 30
515 PRINT AT X-1,N; " " ; AT X,
N; " " ; AT X+1,N; " "
540 NEXT N
550 LET Y=0; LET X=18
560 PRINT AT 19,5;C# (TO C0)
570 FOR I=0 TO 3
575 PRINT AT X-1,I; INK 7;"A";
AT X,I; INK 2;A#; AT X+1,I; INK
2;A#
580 BEEP .002,.5; BEEP .003,0
590 PRINT AT X-1,I;" " ; AT X,I
;" " ; AT X+1,I;" "
600 NEXT I
610 LET HE=INT ( RND *2)+1
620 LET I=HE+(P/3-4)- INT ( R
ND *5)+1(1)
625 LET Y=3
630 FOR W=18 TO 18-HE STEP -1
640 PRINT AT W-1,Y; INK 7;"A";
AT W,Y; INK 2;A#; AT W+1,Y; INK
0;B#
650 BEEP .0012;
660 PRINT AT W-1,Y;" " ; AT W,Y,
;" " ; AT W+1,Y;" "
665 IF Y>30 THEN GO TO 900
667 LET Y=Y+1
670 NEXT W
680 FOR P=Y TO DI
690 PRINT AT W-1,P; INK 7;"A";
AT W,P; INK 2;A#; AT W+1,P; INK
0;B#
700 BEEP .002,-4
710 PRINT AT W-1,P;" " ; AT W,P,
;" " ; AT W+1,P;" "

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715 IF L=30 THEN GO TO 730
720 NEXT P
725 LET Y=P
730 FOR L=0 TO 18
740 PRINT AT L-1,Y; INK 7; INK 7
740 AT L,Y; INK 21A8; AT L+1,Y; INK 7
750 BEEP .002,0; BEEP .001,-10,10
760 PRINT AT L-1,Y; " "; AT L,Y
765 " "; AT L+1,Y; " "
765 IF Y>30 THEN GO TO 900
766 LET Y=Y+1
770 NEXT L
775 IF SCREEN# (L,Y+1) <> " "
780 THEN GO TO 900
779 PAUSE 20
780 PRINT AT 10,2;"WELL DONE!"
TRY AGAIN": PAUSE 0; LET CO=CO+7
785 LET POINTS=POINTS+SP/CO/2
790 LET SP=0; LET P=0; LET L=X=18
: LET Y=0; LET H=2; LET M=0; CLS
: GO TO 110
1000 LET L= GAME OVER": PAUSE 0; GO
TO 10
1000 DATA 0,0,0,56,125,96,96,60
1010 DATA 56,126,127,125,125,62,
122,225
1011 DATA 0,0,208,48,16,208,176,
1012
1015 DATA 243,180,91,169,165,37,
19,12
1020 DATA 255,56,121,222,238,204,
248,48
1030 DATA 0,0,6,14,30,62,126,254
1040 DATA 0,0,0,20,24,26,126
1045 FOR C=144 TO 150
1050 FOR M=0 TO 7
1055 READ A
1060 POKE USR CHR# C+M,A: NEXT
M: NEXT C
2000 RETURN

```





**S**plat the red hot sword as it whizzes round the screen, slicing through the ice cubes. To splat the sword you have to squash it using the cubes. When you have caught the sword by surprise stand to the left or right of the cube and depress either the "I" or the "P" key. If you are successful you will receive a bonus before moving onto the next level. There is a time limit in which you must squash the sword.

Ice Cube Ivan was written for the 16K Spectrum by John Lonsdale of West Ferry, Dundee.

```
AT 0,F: "(IGB)": BEEP .01,F: NE
XT F: FOR F=1 TO 19: PRINT AT F
,31: "(IGB)": BEEP .01,F: NEXT F
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510 FOR F=30 TO 0 STEP -1: PRIN
T AT 19,F: "(IGB)": BEEP .01,F:
NEXT F: FOR F=19 TO 1 STEP -1: P
RINT AT F,0: "(IGB)": BEEP .01,F
: NEXT F: INK 7: RETURN
550 FOR N=1 TO 50: PRINT AT I
NT (RND *18)+1, INT (RND *28)+
1: INK 5: "A": BEEP .01,N/2: NEXT
N: RETURN
1000 FOR F=1 TO 10: FOR N=4 TO 1
STEP -1: BEEP .1,N: PRINT AT X
,Y: INK RND *7: "J": NEXT N: NEX
T F
1010 LET L=L-1: IF L=0 THEN PRIN
T AT 10,11: "GAME OVER": FOR N=
1 TO 500: NEXT N: RUN
1020 FOR N=1 TO 300: NEXT N: GO
TO 15
5000 IF TI-200<1 THEN GO TO 502
0
5010 FOR N=1 TO (TI-200)/5: PRIN
T AT 21,0: "SCORE": "S: LET S=S+1
: BEEP .009,35: NEXT N: FOR N=1
TO 200: PRINT N: GO TO 15
5020 PRINT AT 10,11: FLASH 1: "N
O BONUS!": FOR N=1 TO 200: BEEP
.005,N/6: NEXT N: CLS: GO TO 15
8000 RESTORE : FOR N= USR "a" TO
USR "k"+7: READ a: POKE N,a: N
EXT a
8020 LET S=0: LET M="JK": LET W
=1
8030 LET LE=1: LET L=3
8040 LET J=13: LET K=13
8400 RESTORE 9100
8500 PRINT AT 5,10: "ICE CUBE IV
AN": AT 8,10: "BY J.LONSDALE": AT
15,12: "GO UP": AT 16,12: "Z D
OWN": AT 17,12: "N LEFT": AT 18
```

# ICE CUBE IVAN

```
10 PAPER 0: INK 7: BORDER 0: C
LS : POKE 23658,8: GO SUB 8000
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15 CLS : GO SUB 500
20 GO SUB 550
21 LET TI=450: FOR N=1 TO LE:
LET TI=TI-50: NEXT N
25 PRINT AT 21,0: "SCORE: "S: "
LEVEL: "L: "LIVES: "L
30 LET X=11: LET Y=16
35 LET T=10: LET E=30: LET C=0
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45 PRINT AT T,E: INK 7: " "
50 LET T=T+(T<K)-(T>K): LET E=
E+(E<J)-(E>J): IF INT T=K AND
INT E=J THEN LET K= INT (RND *
18)+1: LET J= INT (RND *28)+1
```

```
55 PRINT AT T,E: INK 2: "I"
70 IF X=T AND Y=E THEN GO TO
1000
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```
100 IF INKEY$="D" AND ATTR (
X-1,Y)=7 THEN PRINT AT X,Y: "
: LET X=X-1
110 IF INKEY$="Z" AND ATTR (
X+1,Y)=7 THEN PRINT AT X,Y: "
: LET X=X+1
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120 IF INKEY$="P" AND ATTR (
X,Y+1)=5 THEN GO SUB 200
130 IF INKEY$="I" AND ATTR (
X,Y-1)=5 THEN GO SUB 300
140 IF INKEY$="I" AND ATTR (
X,Y-1)<5 THEN PRINT AT X,Y:
" "
145 IF INKEY$="P" AND ATTR (
X,Y+1)<5 THEN PRINT AT X,Y:
" "
```

```
150 PRINT AT 5,10: "M: "M: "
155 LET M=M+1: IF S=3 THEN LET
M=1
170 LET TI=TI-1: IF TI<=0 THEN
GO TO 1000
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190 GO TO 40
200 IF ATTR (X,Y+2)<>7 THEN
RETURN
202 LET C$=" ABCDEFHG": LET d
=1: FOR N=Y+1 TO 30: FOR F=1 TO
4
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```
205 PRINT AT X,Y: "J"
210 LET d=d+2: IF d>8 THEN LET
d=1
215 IF ATTR (X,N+2)=2 THEN LE
T C=1
```

```
220 PRINT AT X,N-1: INK 7: " "
230 NEXT F: IF ATTR (X,N+2)=7
OR ATTR (X,N+2)=2 THEN NEXT N
d=1
```

```
235 PRINT AT X,N+1: INK 5: "A":
AT X,N: INK 7: " "
237 IF C=1 THEN LET C=0: LET L
=E+1: LET S=S+450: GO TO 5000
```

```
240 RETURN
300 IF ATTR (X,Y-2)<>7 THEN
RETURN
302 LET C$=" HGFEBCBA": LET d=
1: FOR N=Y-1 TO 1 STEP -1: FOR F
=4 TO 1 STEP -1
```

```
305 PRINT AT X,Y: "J"
310 LET d=d+2: IF d>8 THEN LET
d=1
315 IF ATTR (X,N-2)=2 THEN LE
T C=1
```

```
320 PRINT AT X,N: INK 5: C$(d+1
): C$(d): INK 7: " "
330 NEXT F: IF ATTR (X,N-1)=7
OR ATTR (X,N-1)=2 THEN NEXT N
```

```
335 PRINT AT X,N: INK 5: "A": A
T X,N+1: INK 7: " "
337 IF C=1 THEN LET C=0: LET L
=E+1: LET S=S+450: GO TO 5000
340 RETURN
500 INK 5: FOR F=0 TO 31: PRINT
```

```
,12: "~"~ RIGHT"
8510 READ A: IF A=99 THEN RESTO
RE 9100: PAUSE 1000: GO TO 8510
```

```
8515 IF INKEY$ "<" THEN GO
TO 8600
8520 IF A >= 100 THEN LET A=A-1
00: BEEP .4,A: GO TO 8510
8530 BEEP .2,A
8550 GO TO 8510
```

```
8600 FOR N=1 TO 21: POKE 23692,2
55: PRINT : NEXT N
8700 RETURN
9000 DATA 126,129,159,159,159,15
9,159,126
```

```
9005 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
9010 DATA 31,32,39,39,39,39,3,3
1
9015 DATA 128,64,192,192,192,192
,192,128
```

```
9020 DATA 7,8,9,9,9,9,9,7
9025 DATA 224,16,240,240,240,240
,240,224
9030 DATA 1,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
```

```
9035 DATA 248,4,124,124,124,124,
124,248
9040 DATA 1,2,4,8,144,96,96,144
```

```
9045 DATA 0,60,126,201,235,255,1
26,60
9050 DATA 0,60,126,147,219,255,1
26,60
```

```
9100 DATA 109,116,16,14,12,11,9,
11,12,14,116,116,107,114,14,12,1
1,9,7,9,11,12,114,114
9110 DATA 109,116,16,14,12,11,9,
11,12,14,116,12,14,16,14,112,14,
12,11,112,109,109,99
```

```
9999 SAVE "ICE CUBES": LINE 1: PR
INT "SWAP LEADS:REWIND TAPE": PR
ESSPLAY TO VERIFY: VERIFY "": P
RINT "OK": PAUSE 200: RUN
```

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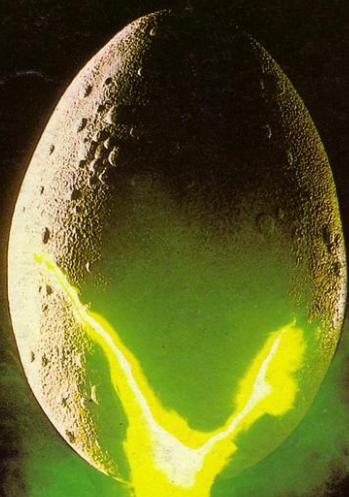
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